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ASL COULD GET BIG BANK AID

A major bank and another electronic giant are believed to be the front runners to take over sponsorship of the PSL.

However, it is far from certain whether present negotiations will turn out successfully.



Former Philips boss
Herman Huyer.

Meanwhile, it has been decided that from 1982, the League will be called the Australian Soccer League—ASL for short—regardless of the identity of the sponsor.

It's most unlikely that the ASF will again agree to have the League named after one sponsor.



ASF president Sir Arthur
George.

This follows the American pattern where the major soccer league is called the NASL—North American Soccer League.

It is not sponsored at all—but all the clubs are franchises owned by individuals, groups or companies.

And this is the trend we are certain to follow in Australia, too.



John Frank, ASF Marketing



This stunning photo, surely in the prize-winning category, shows young Blacktown goalie Bruce James soaring through the air in Sunday's match against Olympic at Gabbie.

GO EAST FOR TROPHIES

The plush, green, often swank Eastern Suburbs the home of Sydney football?

Sounds positively crazy. Yet this seems to be the case—at least as far as winning is concerned.

Sydney City (from Bondi) are heading to win the 1981 PSL title, Eastern Suburbs are the rugby league premiers and Randwick could wrap up the rugby union premiership on Saturday.

Sydney City secretary David Childs believes all these will happen—and is planning a cavalcade through the streets of Sydney by the three winning teams.

Eastern Suburbs Aussie Rules team—which missed the title by one point—will join them.

Meanwhile, on Saturday the Slickers will go and barrack for Randwick at the union game—and expect to see the Randwick boys turn up at the Athletic Field the next day for the big soccer clash against South Melbourne.

Western and Southern suburbs—not to mention the sedate if not dormant North Shore: eat your heart out...

SURPRISE

PSL Chairman Frank Lowy says he was 'totally surprised' by Philips' decision to withdraw its sponsorship.

"I think the timing of their announcement was terrible," he said this week.

"If we had known what was coming, we would have delayed making public our 'summer' soccer report.

"We would not have

wanted to have two major worries on our plate at the same time."

Lowy said the Philips League executive was never part of the negotiations with Philips Industries.

"At first it was handled by the ASF, then the ASF Marketing.

"Lately I don't know who conducted the negotiations."

SLICKERS ARE JUST A BREATH AWAY

Sydney City are only a breath away from winning their third PSL title in five years.

And once again, Victoria looks like missing out on the plum prize...

Sunday's clash between the two pace-setting giants should be a classic at the Athletic Field.

A Sydney City win—or perhaps even a draw—would give them a mortgage on the title; their lead is now three points.

South Melbourne simply have to win to stay in contention—and it's hard to imagine this talented and ambitious team will go down without a superb fight.

Meanwhile, two NSW titles have already been decided.

Croatia have won the State League crown, for the fourth time in five years and Yugal, coached by former St. George supremo Ilija Takac, have won the First Division.

If Croatia does not make the PSL for 1982, the two old rivals will once again come together in the NSW State League.

The NSW finals will begin on Sunday at the Sportsground with Polonia and Melita.

playing in the 'minor' semifinal—with the loser being swept out.

On Saturday, at Yagoona, a dramatic anti-relegation battle will take place between North Sydney and Parramatta.

CUP DEAL IS UNCERTAIN

The Philips Cup is anything but certain to continue in 1982.

Philips Industries have offered \$100,000 to keep the Cup going.

But from now on this is a matter where the ASF and not its Marketing arm will make the decisions.

Secretary Brian Le Fevre said this week that the States would all have to agree to a formula before the Philips offer could be accepted.

"The Cup affects the various State competitions and a consensus with the various Federations will have to be reached before we proceed with the Philips Cup," he said.

"If the Cup does go ahead, it will be run by the ASF.

"Any agreement with Philips Industries will also be negotiated and signed by the ASF and ratified by the States."

WORLD CUP DATES

Some important World Cup dates for your calendar:

December 12, 1981: All elimination matches completed.

January 16, 1982: The draw of the finals prepared.

April 22, 1982: All finalists announce their official squad of 40 players.

June 5, 1982: From the 40, all finalists announce the final squad of 22 players.

June 13, 1982: Opening ceremony and first match in Barcelona.

2 TO 6

IN NSW FEDERATION

With Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna.

Edensor Park (5th div.) with a 6-point lead and one match to go, played Pagewood at King Tomislav Oval. A complacent Edensor defence saw a determined Pagewood one up after 17 minutes. Seven minutes later a long through ball by Edensor's Dennis Dokenal saw David Vidac head the ball in for a 2-1 lead. Again the determined Pagewood team were able to equalise one minute later. Two minutes before halftime, Paul Jancek put Edensor ahead 3-2. After halftime, Edensor watched their goalscorer, Ian Redulic miss a penalty though he made it up with a goal two minutes later after a pass from Dennis Dokenal. Dennis was also instrumental in Edensor's 5th goal, scored by Joe Jagtan two minutes before fulltime for a final score of 5-2. Edensor Park along with their sister club, Sydney Croatia are the only two clubs with an undefeated record to date, both sharing the same home ground, the King Tomislav Oval. Congratulations!

Maccabi (5th div.) drew with Chullora 3-3 last Saturday. Misfortune struck Maccabi and injuries, holidays and other commitments left them without a goalkeeper. Centre forward Peter Nadel had the unenviable task of filling in between the posts. With the strong wind blowing with Maccabi in the first half, they lead 1-0 at halftime with a Ron Lilling goal. The second half saw Chullora equalise after capitalising on a bad backpass by Maccabi. Chullora went ahead after a through ball by Gary Weiss for Harold Finger to chip over the goalkeeper. The 6th and final equalising goal of the match came when Chullora scored from a freekick for a 3-3 draw. The second grade match went to Maccabi, 2-0. Goal scorers were Phil Wolanski and Bernie Pollak from a penalty. The national Maccabi team competed in Israel recently. In a 20-team competition Australia was drawn with Israel, No. 1 seed, Belgium, Finland and USA. In their first match they defeated Belgium 2-0, both goals scored by Peter Nadel (Syd.) In their second match Australia lost to Israel 6-0 and then they defeated Finland 2-0 with goals by Clive Barrett (Melb.) and Gary Weiss (Syd.) Only needing to draw they lost 2-0 to the USA team, who went onto the final to be defeated 3-1 by Sth. Africa.

Baulkham Hills (2nd div.) were unlucky to lose two players through injury during their game against Campbelltown City. In the 10th minute and after a bright start, Hills were first to score when Tony Kinsey headed the ball into the net from a well placed cross by David Rogers. Ten minutes later the home team were unlucky not to go to a 2-0 lead when Tony Kinsey headed the ball over the bar from another cross by David Rogers. Shortly after Keith Woods, who had been playing extremely well, was carried from the field with a suspected fractured ankle. Campbelltown were next to score, eight minutes from halftime, after a scrimmage in front of the Hills goal. The second half was even with both teams missing chances. John Gough was the next casualty for Hills when a

West Holroyd (4th div.) playing away from home against Chelsea could only manage to get a 1-1 draw and the club is now equal second with Fairfield West and there are six clubs still with a chance to be in the semi. A move from left was switched to right when Darcy Dendos sent the ball to middle for James Gwargis to head it in. Chelsea, despite gaining one point, now has no hope of making the top four. The 4th division premiership has already been won by Concordia despite the side's recent poor results. Well done Concordia!

Blacktown Workers (6th div.) defeated Robins 3-1 in a hard fought game which was not for the faint-hearted though the spectators thoroughly enjoyed it. In the first half, play went from end to end and there were chances by both sides with neither scoring, showing a half-time score of 0-0. In the second half the game continued where it had left off until the last 20 minutes. Workers broke loose and scored through Ross Bearman after the keeper was caught out of position. Robins immediately returned the compliment with an excellent goal scored by Mark Jackson. Workers took the re-start and Keith Ford went around the defence and put away a quick goal making it 2-1. After some rugged play, Rob McGregor showed a lot of determination and put the ball past the Robins keeper to make the final score 3-1. Second grade went to Robins 1-0 in a game that was played in excellent spirit and well controlled by the referees. The scorer was Sean McCarthy.

Liverpool City (6th div.) retained their first grade competition lead with a hard fought, 2-1 win over Parramatta United. City were first to score with a goal by George Schymko. City should have gone further ahead but missed an awarded penalty close to halftime. Parramatta equalised twenty minutes into the second half and with the even play the match looked destined for a draw. But a John Marincic run in the 70th minute down the left side ended with Steven Kelly giving City a 2-1 lead. Liverpool had several chances in the last 15 minutes.

Padstow Park (3rd div.) celebrated a most successful weekend when, in a double header, the side collected the maximum four points and rocketed itself to the 4th position in the table. On Saturday Padstow played Hurstville Zagreb in a deferred match and after 90 minutes play the side won 4-1 and with it denied the Zagreb side a berth in the semifinals. The game was fairly even in the first half each side having two real assaults on the goal and which produced a 1-1 score for the interval. Zagreb scored first when in the 12th minute a quick through ball landed with Anton Vidovic at right. Anton tackled and shot high over the defence to Tom Poljak who passed one defender and shot to score. Two minutes later Padstow went even with a goal scored by Gary Crayfoot.

In the second half another defensive error gave Padstow an own goal when a Zagreb defender volleyed the ball high over the head of his bewildered goalkeeper. After this goal Hurstville side became very disorganised and the defence was easily penetrated. Gary Crayfoot scored again. Mick Farrell had possession almost on the goalline when he passed it back setting it for Gary who, after weaving between two defenders, shot to score. A few minutes later Padstow were 4-1 up and Gary Crayfoot had scored his hat-trick.

Wentworth (3rd div.) playing the last home game for this season, defeated West Ryde Rovers 2-1 thus squashing any hopes the Rovers had in avoiding relegation. Wentworth was always on the attack and in a fairly physical game many scoring chances were missed. The half-time score was 1-1 and the first goal for Wentworth came in the 7th minute when a midfield move initiated by Warren Lowe resulted in the ball being with Dave Harvey who chipped it high for Ralph Guthrie to shoot for a goal. The goalie stretched to save but was only able to deflect it in. In the second half Wentworth took up the lead again this time with a penalty awarded with only 15 minutes to go. Glen Maloney fired the ball in for the winner.

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1 - FINAL

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	23	3	—	75	18	49
St. George	22	3	1	92	13	47
Melita	15	8	3	55	22	38
Polonia	12	7	7	35	33	31
S'land	11	8	7	31	24	30
Monaro	8	7	11	38	49	23
Manly	8	5	13	34	36	21
R'wood	9	3	14	28	50	21
C'bury	6	8	12	34	50	20
Auburn	9	2	15	24	46	20
Avala	7	4	15	29	54	18
Bankst	7	2	17	30	51	16
N.Sydney	5	5	16	29	55	15
P'matta	6	3	17	21	57	15

GRADE 2 - FINAL

Croatia	18	5	3	52	24	41
Melita	15	6	5	48	15	36
Manly	14	7	5	52	27	35
St. George	14	6	6	65	29	34
S'land	13	5	8	46	25	31
C'bury	13	5	8	44	27	31
R'wood	11	9	6	36	24	31
Auburn	9	7	10	40	47	25
Bankst	7	7	12	31	40	21
P'matta	5	10	11	26	55	20
N.Sydney	6	6	14	27	65	18
Avala	3	9	14	21	49	15
Monaro	2	10	14	19	48	14
Polonia	4	4	19	17	49	12

GRADE 3 - FINAL

Auburn	18	1	5	72	17	37
S'land	17	3	4	58	19	37
Bankst	15	3	6	60	37	33
R'wood	12	8	4	44	22	32
St. George	13	1	10	43	30	27
Manly	11	4	8	48	39	26
C'bury	10	5	9	48	41	25
Melita	9	6	10	35	34	24
Croatia	9	5	9	42	55	23
Polonia	7	5	12	25	39	19
N.Sydney	3	7	13	21	55	13
P'matta	3	4	17	22	58	10
Avala	1	2	21	19	91	4

DIVISION 1

GRADE 1 - FINAL

Yugal	18	5	3	48	29	41
Kuringai	17	5	4	59	18	39
Fairy Mdw	16	6	4	53	24	38
W'gong	16	5	5	54	18	37
Blacktown	15	5	5	48	20	37
Bathurst	8	8	10	30	39	24
Penrith	6	9	11	24	42	21
Warringah	5	10	11	46	60	20
Guildford	5	9	12	22	43	19
N.Bankst	6	14	12	33	44	18
Gladesvl	4	10	12	24	36	18
Revesby	6	6	14	35	49	18
Belmore	3	11	17	17	43	17
Uni NSW	5	7	14	31	60	17

GRADE 2 - FINAL

Kuringai	17	7	2	67	14	41
Fairy Mdw	15	6	5	55	26	36
Guildford	14	6	6	50	37	34
W'gong	14	5	7	53	33	33
Revesby	13	5	8	44	29	31
Penrith	13	5	8	39	30	31
Blacktown	11	7	8	33	28	29
Gladesvl	11	6	8	35	29	28
Yugal	9	7	10	29	30	25
Belmore	7	9	10	26	33	23
N.Bankst	9	5	12	33	48	23
Warringah	4	8	13	31	51	16
Uni NSW	4	5	17	30	66	13
Bathurst	—	3	23	12	75	3

GRADE 3 - FINAL

Kuringai	22	2	2	100	22	46
Gladesvl	18	5	2	71	20	41
Guildford	15	7	4	58	22	37
Fairy Mdw	15	6	4	49	28	35
Belmore	15	4	7	67	31	34
W'gong	13	5	8	53	48	31
Penrith	10	10	6	31	32	30
Blacktown	11	4	10	37	33	28
Bathurst	8	3	15	38	42	19
N.Bankst	5	5	16	23	57	15
Uni NSW	3	7	16	20	70	13
Revesby	5	2	18	31	60	12
Yugal	6	—	19	34	78	12
Warringah	2	5	19	20	89	9

DIVISION 2

GRADE 1

Dee Why	15	4	2	45	14	34
M'ville	10	8	3	36	23	28
Baulk.His.	11	5	5	39	23	27
Mt.Druitt	12	2	7	34	16	26
N.Ryde	12	1	8	30	24	25
C'town	9	5	7	37	27	23
Bonnyrigg	7	4	10	28	40	18
L'pool Alb	5	5	11	24	34	15
Lane Cove	5	5	11	26	37	15
Q.Park	5	5	11	24	38	15
R'stone	4	5	12	19	41	13
Gladesvl	5	3	13	20	45	13

GRADE 2

N.Ryde	14	6	1	51	19	34
Mt.Druitt	13	4	4	52	28	30
C'town	9	7	5	36	29	25
L'pool Alb	8	6	6	28	22	24
Bonnyrigg	8	7	6	30	24	23
Gladesvl	7	6	8	30	36	20
Q.Park	8	4	9	25	32	20
Dee Why	8	3	10	29	27	19
R'stone	5	7	9	27	41	17
Baulk.His.	5	4	12	24	38	14
M'ville	4	5	12	25	33	13
Lane Cove	6	1	14	21	50	13

GRADE 3

Baulk.His.	16	2	3	66	17	34
L'pool Alb	15	3	3	53	23	33
M'ville	14	4	2	52	15	32
Gladesvl	14	1	5	57	21	29
C'town	13	3	5	50	17	29
Mt.Druitt	8	8	5	48	41	24
Q.Park	9	1	11	32	47	19
Bonnyrigg	7	4	10	27	45	18
N.Ryde	5	4	12	35	59	14
Lane Cove	3	2	16	18	54	8
R'stone	2	3	16	24	70	7
Dee Why	—	3	18	17	71	3

DIVISION 3

GRADE 1

Artarmon	10	7	4	52	26	27
Kingsford	10	7	4	37	19	27
Wentworth	9	6	6	49	31	24
Bondi	9	5	7	35	32	23
Padstow	9	4	7	31	20	22
East.Crk.	7	8	6	33	28	22
Hurstville	8	6	6	25	30	22
Paddington	6	7	8	37	19	19
Syd.Uni	8	2	11	23	30	18
Fairfield K	6	5	10	38	41	17
Pl.Hack	6	3	12	26	54	15
W.Ryde	4	6	11	26	47	14

SCOREBOARD

GRADE 2

East.Crk.	14	4	3	42	20	32
Bondi	13	4	4	49	20	30
Padstow	13	3	4	50	27	29
Fairfield K	12	3	6	46	29	27
Kingsford	11	4	6	42	31	26
Artarmon	8	4	9	43	37	20
Syd.Uni	7	6	8	34	41	20
Wentworth	7	5	9	38	39	19
W.Ryde	6	4	11	29	40	16
Hurstville	5	5	10	30	40	15
Paddington	5	4	12	29	39	14
Pl.Hack	—	2	19	20	91	2

DIVISION 4

GRADE 1

Concordia	12	5	4	38	23	29
W.Holroyd	10	6	5	56	30	26
Fairfield W	12	2	7	50	34	26
W.St.Geo.	10	5	6	59	44	25
Canley HI	11	3	7	46	45	25
N.Rocks	10	4	7	31	26	24
Chelsea	9	5	7	42	37	23
Winst.Hls	7	7	7	41	43	21
Revesby	6	6	9	29	36	18
Eastwood	6	3	12	31	49	15
Maroubra	4	6	11	40	56	14
Ryde Dist.	2	2	17	22	61	6

GRADE 2

W.St.Geo.	16	2	3	56	27	34
Canley HI	13	5	3	37	18	31
Fairfield W	13	4	4	48	23	30
Winst.Hls	11	4	6	44	26	28
Concordia	10	6	5	27	22	26
Chelsea	8	6	7	37	33	22
Eastwood	7	6	8	30	26	20
N.Rocks	4	10	7	14	20	15
W.Holroyd	4	7	10	16	34	15
Maroubra	4	5	12	20	44	13
Revesby	1	7	13	12	35	9
Ryde	1	6	14	22	55	8

DIVISION 5

GRADE 1

er.	16	5	—	68	17	37
nk	14	3	3	61	25	31
	10	7	4	46	25	27
	8	6	6	31	32	22
	9	3	8	35	31	21
al.	8	4	9	31	35	20
b.	8	3	9	42	47	19
	5	7	9	37	53	17
a	5	6	9	31	43	16
	4	6	11	44	53	14
	2	7	11	26	45	11
a.	2	7	10	19	40	11

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE



SKID ROW



Henderson

Despite the lowly status of Marconi, their clash with arch-rivals Leichhardt will be full of drama.

Marconi have really reached skid-row, something only a handful of pessimists had predicted when Les Scheinflug was eased out of the job at the end of 1980.

O'Connor will make his return after his injury and his partnership with the smooth, brainy Giampaolo could swing the match Leichhardt's way after a stirring battle.

Our tip: Leichhardt 2-1.

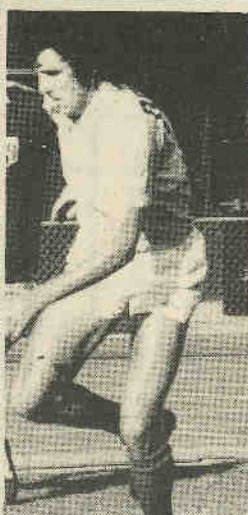
TITLE GAME

The match of the year — nothing else fits the Sydney City — South Melbourne clash which may decide the 1981 title.

Sydney City, after their dashing win at Wollongong, must be bursting with confidence and coach Eddie Thomson will have a headache now to bring both Mullen and Robertson into his team to replace the missing Patikas.

South Melbourne appear to have blown their chances again with that home defeat; it seems that without the alert Evans they find goals very hard to get.

Our tip: Sydney City 2-1.



Boden



Blacktown's Selva with a high clearance which almost takes the head of Olympic's Redfern in the process.

ONLY HOPE



Yzendoorn

Hapless Blacktown's last chance will come against the classy Heidelberg, after the Demons will have played a midweek game already.

Heidelberg have again become fully organised and their method and skill could be overpowering.

Blacktown cannot possibly fiddle around any longer with offside traps and five fullbacks if they want to win some life-saving points.

Their only chance is to attack and hope for the best and a change of luck.

Our tip: Heidelberg 3-1.

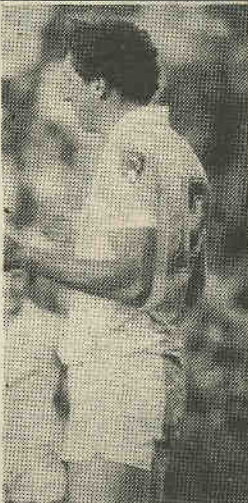
SPACE SOUGHT

The Brisbane tactics — rapid counter-punches — sometimes work to perfection especially when Paul Wilkinson is in a goal-mood.

Preston are almost certainly quite safe now from relegation but could do with a point or two to make this official.

They are playing well enough now to cause a few headaches to their hosts especially if Ollerton and Lucchesi find the space they need to line up their often deadly shots in front of goal.

Our tip: 1-1.



Kelso

TWO AWAY



Rowden

Olympic fans can now argue for months whether their team is playing so brilliantly because Docherty had laid the proper foundations — or because he had gone home.

Whichever the case, they are certainly a delight to watch: a fast-moving, vibrant side who could be quite a handful for the more physical Newcastle.

However, Olympic will badly miss Koussas and Raskopoulos, away in Jakarta and may have their smooth team-work disrupted.

Our tip: Olympic 2-0.

SHAKEN UP

When Canberra and Wollongong meet, the crowd will see two teams which conceded nine goals between them last Sunday, going down to heavy defeats.

Canberra's display against Leichhardt was so bad that they couldn't possibly repeat it if they tried.

McLaren and Ian Stone are likely to come into the team, perhaps even Massa, replacing the out of form Matsopoulos, Gibson and Purdie whose contribution last week was minimal.

Our tip: Canberra 3-1.



I. Stone

TURNED ON



Lujic

Footscray need about two more points to feel totally secure — and they will try to win these against Lions which, in recent weeks, have gone off the boil.

The Lions are extremely solid at the rear but fairly vulnerable in midfield and in attack where some of their youngsters are not quite ready for the permanent big-time.

With so much at stake for the hosts, we expect Lujic and Co. to really turn it on and go all out for a life-saving victory while their nearest rivals for relegation Blacktown play only a few miles away at Olympic Park.

Our tip: Footscray 1-0.

Old boys

An Old South Coast Boys v Old APIA Boys match will be staged at Wollongong on September 6 — as the curtain raiser to the PSL match against Marconi.

Many of the former stars of the two teams have agreed to play again in the match which will start about 1.30pm.

The game is being organised by former South Coast goalie George Ramage — interested veterans can contact him on (042) 84-8105.

BLACKTOWN DILEMMA

Blacktown now almost certain to be relegated, have not yet decided to apply for re-admission.

Some club officials last weekend expressed the view that the club might prefer to join a revamped NSW "Super-League" where costs would be less prohibitive.

However, coach Rale Rasic feels that the club should and will apply to stay in the PSL.

'DERBY'

The local "derby" between the two Adelaide teams could be a bit of a fizzer.

Adelaide City have again missed the boat for top honors while Westad are heading towards "certain" relegation — according to an always uncertain Philips League rule-book.

Last weekend Westad salvaged some pride by downing Footscray in a tense and exciting match while Adcity went down, with one of their periodic horror-displays, to Preston.

On the face of it, Adcity are infinitely stronger than their neighbours and should wrap up the points although Westad would like nothing more than cause a final upset here and go down with the ship saluting their long-suffering fans.

Our tip: Adcity 2-0.

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It's better to fly with friends.



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TEAM OF ROUND 27

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HONEYMAN (West Adelaide)	McMILLAN (Preston)	RASKOPOULOS (Olympic)	
CONNER (Brisbane City)	BRADLEY (Leichhardt)	LUJIC (Footscray)	
	KOUSSAS (Olympic)		

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

- Willie Wallace, Leichhardt: "I am proud of the way the boys fought for the 90 minutes."
- George Murray, Canberra: "Our defence had a dreadful day — not that the others were much better."
- Leichhardt star Phil O'Connor should be fit for the weekend while Rod Skellern may also return following his suspension.
- Canberra secretary Dave Dillon denied any suggestions that his club would import more Scots for next season. "Over my dead body," he said after the game.
- The coach of the Canberra Youth team is Doug Stewart, former Burmese international, ex-Perth coach and now deputy principal of a Canberra school.
- Phil O'Connor says he has had no talks with Wollongong about joining them. "My contract will expire this year and I'll listen to any offers — including Leichhardt's."
- Ian Stone, the former Croatia star, played his first match in Sydney for more than two years. Now a school teacher in Canberra, the talented midfielder is actually on loan from Weston, at a fee of \$3,000.
- Bill De Graaf has probably played his last match for Wollongong. He left on Monday with the New Zealand 'B' team for the Merdeka tournament (Australia has yet to play there once...) and then will be available for transfer.
- Rale Rasic, Blacktown: "We have never been outplayed like this before by any other team. They were really great."
- Doug Collins, Olympic: "I was very unhappy with the Blacktown attitude, especially their tackling. Still, I'm sorry I lost my cool and I apologise for it."
- Former Hungarian international and World Cup star (1938) Julius Polgar, ex-coach of APIA, St. George, etc.: "That Souness goal... My old friend 'Ocsi' Puskas would have been proud to score one like that."
- Ron Corry (40), Marconi: "Age has nothing to do with goalkeeping..."
- John Margaritis of South Melbourne: "I am too shocked to say anything."
- Ray Baartz, Newcastle: "We were as good today, as were bad last week at Canberra. Wasn't my old mate Ron Corry brilliant in the Marconi goal?"
- All of the Westad players were happy after their win over Footscray on Sunday, but defender Zoran Maricic was absolutely beaming. "My wife presented me with a baby girl on Friday and now this win makes it a great weekend," Maricic said.
- Joe Gilroy, Lions: "A terrible game. Technically I suppose both teams did a reasonable job but overall the spectators got very little to enthuse over. After the youngsters came to terms with their opponents we pushed forward but the Heidelberg defenders are no slouches at soaking up pressure."
- Len McKendry, Heidelberg: "It was a game of two contrasting halves. We had good chances in the first half and should have gone ahead by at least two goals. We began to run with the ball in the second half and our opponents took over. Maybe it was the heat or something, but there is no doubt we did not maintain our momentum."
- After the Newcastle match the teams took part in an American style "Shoot-out" with a stake of \$500 donated by Cann's Bakery to the winners. Byrne, Mariani, Jankovics, Degney and Tomasich each scored for Marconi, with Drinkwater, Sumner and Jones netting for Newcastle, before Senkalski uncharacteristically steered his effort round the upright after his run from 35 metres.

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	*		0-0	1-0	3-2	1-0	1-3	3-1	0-0	0-1	2-0	4-1	1-0	3-1	0-1	1-2
ADELAIDE HAWKS	0-3	*	2-0			1-1	3-2	0-5	1-2	2-0	0-2	0-1	4-0	0-1	1-2	0-0
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	1-5	4-0	*	1-2	2-2	0-2		3-1	0-1	0-2	2-2	1-2	0-0	1-4	1-0	0-1
BRISBANE GLADIATORS		2-1	2-1	*	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-2	0-0	4-0	1-1	1-1		3-0	2-0	1-0
BRISBANE LIONS	2-1	3-1		1-0	*	1-0	4-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-0	0-1	2-1	1-1	4-3	1-1
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2	2-2	3-0	2-3	*	5-0	1-5	0-1	0-0	2-2	4-1		2-1	2-0	
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-0		3-1	*	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2		2-1	1-1	1-0	1-1
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	1-2	2-0		2-0		1-1	2-0	*		1-1	0-0	1-2	2-3	1-0	0-1	0-3
LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	3-0	1-0	3-2	2-2	0-0	4-0	2-0	2-2	*		1-1	2-1	1-1		0-1	1-0
MARCONI LEOPARDS	1-4	1-0		1-1	2-1	0-2	1-3	3-1		*		1-2	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-1
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	0-0	5-0	2-1	0-2	1-0		2-1	2-1	4-1	1-0	*	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-3	1-0
NEWCASTLE KB	2-2	4-2	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	3-0		4-1	2-0	0-0	*	4-0	1-2	1-2	1-1
PRESTON RAMS	3-0	2-0	2-3	1-1	1-1	0-1	3-0	0-2	3-1	0-0	1-1	3-1	*	3-1		6-0
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1	3-1	1-0	1-1	3-1	0-2	0-0	2-1	1-3	2-0	2-2		2-1	*	2-2	
SYDNEY SLICKERS		1-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	3-2	3-0	1-0	3-0	5-0		4-1	2-0	5-4	*	1-0
WOLLONGONG WOLVES	4-1	2-1	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	2-1	3-4	1-1		1-1	0-0	2-2	3-1	0-5	*

Soccer Terms explained:
No. 12



Throw-in

When the ball crosses the side touch-line, it is "thrown" back into play by a player from the team opposing that of the player who last touched it. The thrower must face the field of play with both feet on or outside the touch-line, and "throw-in" the ball with both hands from behind and over his head.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
New Zealand	8	6	2	—	31	3	14
Australia	6	4	1	1	22	8	9
Fiji	8	1	3	4	6	35	5
Taiwan	7	1	2	4	5	8	4
Indonesia	7	1	2	4	4	14	4

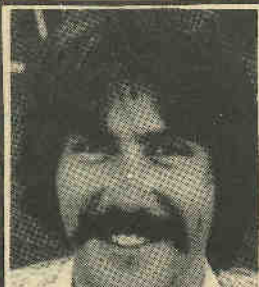
TOP PSL SCORERS

EVANS (Sth. Melbourne)	13
BODEN (Sydney City)	12
COLE (Heidelberg)	12
KOUSSAS (Olympic)	11
KOSMINA (Sydney City)	10
P. WILKINSON (Brisbane City)	10
BARNES (Sydney City)	9
OLLERTON (Preston)	9
SOPER (Leichhardt)	9
SOUNESS (Sydney City)	9

• Ron Corry (40), Marconi: "Age has nothing to do with goalkeeping..."

PHILIPS LEAGUE

	AGGREGATE								HOME								AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		
1 SYDNEY CITY	27	17	4	6	51	26	+25	38	13	10	3	—	31	10	23	14	7	1	6	20	16	15		
2 STH.MELBOURNE	27	12	11	4	38	25	+13	35	14	10	2	2	24	10	22	13	2	9	2	14	15	13		
3 BRISBANE CITY	27	11	10	6	32	21	+11	32	13	8	4	1	20	6	20	14	3	6	5	12	15	12		
4 LEICHHARDT	26	11	9	6	34	29	+5	31	13	7	5	1	22	10	19	13	4	4	5	12	19	12		
5 BRISBANE LIONS	26	10	10	6	36	27	+9	30	14	9	4	1	23	9	22	12	1	6	5	13	18	8		
6 ADELAIDE CITY	27	12	6	9	40	33	+7	30	14	8	2	4	20	12	18	13	4	4	5	20	21	12		
7 CANBERRA	27	11	7	9	38	31	+7	29	13	5	4	4	24	17	14	14	6	3	5	14	14	15		
8 NEWCASTLE	27	10	7	10	38	38	—	27	14	5	5	4	24	15	15	13	5	2	6	14	23	12		
9 OLYMPIC	27	10	7	10	41	42	—	1	27	13	7	4	2	22	15	18	14	3	3	8	19	27	9	
10 WOLLONGONG	27	7	12	8	30	35	—	5	26	14	4	7	3	20	20	15	13	3	5	5	10	15	11	
11 HEIDELBERG	26	9	6	11	40	36	+4	24	12	4	3	5	13	13	11	14	5	3	6	27	23	13		
12 PRESTON	27	8	7	12	37	37	—	23	14	7	4	3	28	12	18	13	1	3	9	9	25	5		
13 MARCONI	25	9	5	11	21	36	—15	23	12	6	2	4	15	16	14	13	3	3	7	6	20	9		
14 FOOTSCRAY	27	8	6	13	29	46	—17	22	13	6	5	2	19	13	17	14	2	1	11	10	33	5		
15 BLACKTOWN	26	4	8	14	28	43	—15	16	14	3	3	8	16	24	9	12	1	5	6	12	19	7		
16 WEST ADELAIDE	27	5	3	19	23	51	—28	13	13	4	2	7	14	19	10	14	1	1	12	9	32	3		



O'Connor

SYDNEY CITY

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 2. Mullen, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 6. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 11. Lee, 12. Cant, 14. Gomez, 16. Patikas, 17. Robertson, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano, 21. Ahearn. Coach: E. Thomson.

Sunday, 3pm
Sydney Athletic Field

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Sydney City v Sth. Melbourne 0-1
1978: Sydney City v Sth. Melbourne 0-0
1979: Sydney City v Sth. Melbourne 2-0
1980: Sydney City v Sth. Melbourne 2-1
1981: Sth. Melbourne v Sydney City 1-3

STH. MELBOURNE

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V.Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 17. Wooddin, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigaras. Coach: J. Margaritis.

REFEREE: D. Nugent
Linesmen: K. Small,
A. Morrison



V.Bannon



Koussas

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Raskopoulos, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 13. Cotton, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 19. Redfern, 20. Wilson. Coach: D. Collins.

Sunday, 3pm
Pratten Park

PAST RESULTS:

1978: Olympic v Newcastle 1-1
1979: Olympic v Newcastle 1-1
1981: Newcastle v Olympic 1-2

NEWCASTLE UTD.

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 3. Tredinnick, 4. Senkalski, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 14. Sneddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamasz, 17. Storey, 18. Cowburn, 19. Stamp, 20. Gosling. Coach: R. Baartz.

REFEREE: T. Boskovic
Linesmen: R. Barton,
P. Hafey



Dando



Perin

ADELAIDE CITY

Likely squad: 21. Peressin, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melta, 14. Miller, 15. Mahou, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Przybylski. Coach: B. D'Ottavi.

Sunday, 3pm
Olympic Sports Field

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Adelaide City v West Adelaide 2-2
1978: Adelaide City v West Adelaide 1-2
1979: Adelaide City v West Adelaide 1-0
1980: Adelaide City v West Adelaide 1-0
1981: West Adelaide v Adelaide City 0-3

WEST ADELAIDE

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 4. Lorenzoni, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 8. Manecas, 9. Lorenzoni, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 14. Koulianos, 15. Marisic, 16. Brown, 17. Wright, 18. Smythe, 19. Kowalski, 20. Miller, 21. Hughes. Coach: P. Jaksa.

REFEREE: S. Mellings
Linesmen: G. Neal,
T. Martell



Crook



Maher

MARCONI

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 3. Degney, 4. Henderson, 6. Byrne, 9. Krncevic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 12. Picioane, 13. Muir, 14. Housseini, 15. Calderon, 16. Tomasich, 17. Colusso, 18. Johnston, 20. Corry. Coach: L. Nesti.

Sunday, 3pm
Marconi Stadium

PAST RESULTS:

1979: Marconi v Leichhardt 2-0
1980: Marconi v Leichhardt 1-2
1981: Leichhardt v Marconi on Sept. 9.

LEICHHARDT

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellern, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Hughes, 7. Soper, 8. Giampaolo, 9. Pirie, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Morsello, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 16. Watt, 17. Casacchia, 18. Gray, 19. Zaccorner, 20. Parkes. Coach: Willie Wallace.

REFEREE: T. Davies
Linesmen: G. Power
T. Williams



O'Connor



Hoszowski

CANBERRA CITY

Likely squad: 21. Hoszowski, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 12. Gibson, 13. Purdie, 14. Massa, 15. Matopoulos. Coach: G. Murray.

Sunday, 3pm
Bruce Stadium

PAST RESULTS:

Canberra v Wollongong for the first time.
1981: Wollongong v Canberra 0-1.

WOLLONGONG CITY

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 13. McBreen, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana, 20. Kay, 21. Vardareff. Coach: K. Morton.

REFEREE: H. Witschge
Linesmen: P. Murphy
M. Welch



Tredinnick



Coe

BRISBANE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Lpw, 11. Caldwell, 12. Tripp, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 18. Vincenzino, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

Sunday, 3pm
Spencer Park

PAST RESULTS:

Brisbane City v Preston for the first time.
1981: Preston v Brisbane City 1-1

PRESTON

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos, 16. Whittle, 17. McCluskey, 18. Boyle, 19. Farrell, 20. Clayton, 21. Wilson. Coach: P. Ollerton.

REFEREE: C. Amos
Linesmen: D. Klose,
W. Turkington.



Brown



Kondarios

FOOTSCRAY

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakoules, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Ilioski, 9. O'Reilly, 11. Lujic, 12. Licanin, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne, 19. Potter, 20. Verweij. Coach: C. Cirkovic.

Sunday, 3pm
Schintler Reserve

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Footscray v Lions 4-2
1978: Footscray v Lions 4-0
1979: Footscray v Lions 3-1
1980: Footscray v Lions 3-1
1981: Lions v Footscray 4-0.

BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Williamson, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 13. Latchford, 14. Ogden, 15. Daunt, 14. Ogden, 15. Daunt, 16. Low, 18. Konstantinou, 19. Bryce, 20. Lowndes. Coach: J. Gilroy.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge
Linesmen: S. Zoumas
B. Upjohn



Lowndes



Rooney

HEIDELBERG

Likely squad: 1. Olver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 5. McLeod, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozikas, 12. Yankos, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 17. Tasevski, 20. Reilly. Coach: L. McKendry.

Sunday, 3pm
Olympic Park

PAST RESULTS:

1980: Heidelberg v Blacktown 5-1
1981: Blacktown v Heidelberg 3-1

BLACKTOWN CITY

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarmby, 13. Cuk, 14. Burrows, 15. Wallace, 16. Turner, 17. Jones, 18. Milosevic, 19. Krstic, 20. Rassmussen. Coach: R. Rasic.

REFEREE: B. Harwood
Linesmen: J. Brennan
T. Stirling



Selvage

SCOREBOARD

WOLLONGONG v SYDNEY CITY 0-5(0-1)

Wollongong (4-3-3)

Fleming (3)	De Graaf (3)	Vardareff (5)	Dunleavy (3)	Ainsworth (3)
Adam (4)	McBreen (3)	Tredinnick (3)		
Fontana (3)	Bertogna (3)	Lathan (4)		
Boden (3)	Kosmina (3)	Watson (3)		
Barnes (3)	Murray (3)	Patikas (4)		
Spanos (4)	O'Connor (4)	Cant (4)	Souness (5)	
	Clarke (4)			

Sydney City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Campbell (63m) for Fontana, Lee (72m) for Watson, Mohring (82m) for De Graaf, Gomez (82m) for Spanos.
Goals: 0-1 Boden (5m), 0-2 Kosmina (57m), 0-3 Souness (65m), 0-4 Souness (83m), 0-5 Barnes (88m).
Referees: T. Davies — Crowd: 3,974.

This was Wollongong's heaviest home defeat of the year and it was greeted by the home fans with the same enthusiasm as the bitterly cold wind blowing in from the southwest.

Wollongong's defence, once the very foundation of the side, now have conceded 12 goals in the last three games.

Sydney City, without defenders Robertson and Mullen, still handed the hosts a drubbing with machine-like precision.

They led by only one goal at halftime but scored four more with consummate ease in the second half to make it a total annihilation.

Sydney City were never in any danger after

THUNDERBOLTS

Ken Boden put them 1-0 up after only five minutes — against a gusty wind.

The Wollongong midfield trio seemed to match their counterparts in the first half with chances by Bertogna, Fontana and Fleming — but the second half was a different story.

Boden's goal came after a shocking mix-up in the Wolves defence.

In the 57th minute Kosmina headed a Watson cross past Vardareff and all lingering doubts about the outcome of the game vanished.

From this point on the Slickers, using the strong wind, completely dominated proceedings. Ian Souness, playing as an aggressively attacking fullback, scored two sensational goals.

His first was a real thunderbolt from 22 metres which Vardareff found too hot to handle.

His second — and the Slickers' fourth — came from a crashing freekick which rocketed into the corner.

Murray Barnes headed in the fifth with only a few minutes to go.

The Slickers, though

they never really had to get into top gear, completely outclassed the hosts.

Apart from Souness, nobody in the Sydney Slickers team really stood out and, amazingly enough, despite the five goals, their strikers had a quiet day.

The Wollongong fans could only wonder what their fate would have been if the feared Sydney City trio had really exploded into the type of action they are capable of.

— Paul Posetti.

LEICHHARDT v CANBERRA 4-0(3-0)

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

McAusland (5)	Carter (4)	Woodhouse (4)	Wilson (4)	Pullen (4)
Butler (4)	Bradley (5)	Kafka (4)		
Morsello (3)	Soper (3)	Giampaolo (4)		
Brennan (2)	Valeri (3)	Purdie (2)		
Cole (4)	J.O'Shea (3)	Gibson (2)		
R. O'Shea (3)	Byrne (3)	M.O'Shea (2)	Matsopoulos (2)	
	Hoszowski (3)			

Canberra (4-3-3)

Replacements: I. Stone (46m) for Gibson, McKie (70m) for Soper, McLaren (76m) for Brennan, Watt (80m) for Pullen.
Goals: 1-0 Morsello (25m), 2-0 Giampaolo (31m), 3-0 Bradley (41m), 4-0 Soper (60m).
Referee: D. Campbell — Crowd: 3,617 — Cautions: Brennan, Wilson, Stone.

The badly depleted Leichhardt, without O'Connor, Hughes, Skellern and Coyne, looked awfully vulnerable before the start; perhaps an honorable draw was the limit of their ambitions.

Clearly, Canberra agreed with this — and proceeded to put on a tepid, middle-aged show which gradually got worse as the match progressed.

Whatever finesse this makeshift Leichhardt team might have lacked was more than made up for by their virile, aggressive and very direct approach.

They survived a promising Canberra start when Byrne, Valeri and Cole all went close to

scoring.

Then, after a sudden, whirlwind Leichhardt attack, Morsello rammed home a loose ball to take the lead.

Canberra were still flinging the ball around rather unconcerned when Leichhardt struck again.

Giampaolo, shielding the ball, drifted in from the right and sent a mean low shot which crashed in off the post.

Morsello missed an absolute sitter when he skirted the goalie and then shot wide — but Bradley did rather better a few minutes later, spinning on a sixpence

OVER-RAN

and hammering the ball in from six metres.

With that Canberra's goose was cooked; they simply lacked the spirit and cohesion to come back.

Their two Scottish imports, Gibson and Purdie were mere passengers while their defence made some hair-raising errors.

In the 60th minute young Soper headed home a Pullen cross, despite some half-hearted challenge from Hoszowski — and the rout was complete.

Leichhardt deserve every bit of praise for their superb fighting spirit.

McAusland and Bradley — neither really rated among the stars — drove on the team relentlessly while young Paul Carter, making his PSL debut, marked Valeri out of the game.

Up front Giampaolo showed signs of returning to his peak.

He said before the game that he wanted to prove his class to Canberra coach George Murray and he did just that — especially when compared to the pathetic displays of Gibson and Purdie, the Scottish players who were imported to replace him.

— Andrew Dettre

PRESTON v ADELAIDE CITY 3-0 (2-0)

Preston (4-3-3)

Flavell (3)	McMillan (6)	Wilson (4)	Petrovski (3)	Beech (4)
Whittle (3)	Ollerton (3)	Farrell (4)		
Cullen (4)	Lucchesi (4)	Brown (4)		
Northcote (4)	Mitchell (3)	J. Nyskohus (3)		
Marocchi (4)	Manou (3)	Signore (3)		
B. Nyskohus (3)	Perin (5)	Jones (4)	Russell (4)	
	Przybylski (3)			

Adelaide City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Dods (46m) for Manou, Buch (71m) for Signore, MacIvor (68m) for Flavell, Little (71m) for Ollerton.
Goals: 1-0 Ollerton (pen. 15m), 2-0 Lucchesi (42m), 3-0 Brown (73m).
Referee: E. Venios — Crowd: 3,500 — Cautions: Lucchesi, Brown.

It's so hard to stop Preston when they are on song. At the end of this game they could have easily run out winners by up to six goals.

But it may have been so very different had a couple of refereeing decisions not gone against Adelaide City early in the game.

A foul on the edge of the area in the 15th minute by David Jones on Alan Whittle could have gone either way but the ref pointed to the penalty spot.

Player coach Peter Ollerton made no mistake from the spot to give the home side an excellent start.

Then four minutes later what seemed like an excellent goal by

John Nyskohus was disallowed apparently for offside after linesman Dennis Voutsinas drew the attention of the referee.

Even then the visitors did not give up and only good goalkeeping from Richard Wilson prevented them from getting on level terms.

Wilson made a flying save from a header by David Jones following a corner in the 34th minute and midway through the second half full length to stop a well executed low drive from John Perin.

And the hard luck continued up to the last

minute when Wilson could not hold a Brian Northcote shot but the past came to the rescue to stop the ball from entering the net.

By that time, of course, one goal wouldn't have mattered for Preston were well in control.

The home side took a decisive 2-0 before halftime when Claude Lucchesi swooped on the loose ball to slot it home after keeper Jack Przybylski had parried Robert Cullen's first shot.

Adelaide missed the midfield drive of Sergio Melta and his

replacement Chris Manou found the task too demanding and beyond him, to the extent that he was taken off at halftime.

The goal that sealed the game came out of the blue from the highly unpredictable Doug Brown in the 73rd minute after he had muffed up a more clear cut opportunity early in the second half.

Brown more than made amends with a piledriver special from 25 metres on the left which gave the keeper no hope from the moment it left the winger's boot.

— Paul Galea

BLACKTOWN v OLYMPIC 1-4 (0-3)

Blacktown (5-2-3)

Wheatley (3)	Djordjevic (3)	James (3)	Milovanovic (2)	Pointer (2)	Selvage (3)
	Hormazabal (3)	O'Donnell (3)			
Krstic (3)	Jones (3)	Burrows (3)			
Jennings (5)	Gavin (4)	Koussas (5)			Redfern (4)
	Katholos (3)	Raskopoulos (5)			
Scott (4)	K. Wilson (4)	Zeros (4)			Moulis (3)
	P. Wilson (4)				

Olympic (4-2-4)

Replacements: Cuk (46m) for Milovanovic, Rowden (79m) for Zeros, Cross (83m) for Gavin.
Goals: 0-1 Koussas (27m), 0-2 Koussas (38m), 0-3 Redfern (43m), 0-4 Gavin (62m), 1-4 Djordjevic (90m).
Referee: B. Mee — Crowd: 4,462 — Cautions: Hormazabal, Zeros, Krstic, Wheatley.

The season's largest crowd at Gabbie was on hand to witness a game full of excitement both on and off the field.

Blacktown tried yet another new tactical formation; they had two good chances early on but Jones missed from three metres and Zeros grabbed Burrows as the striker was just about to break through.

Blacktown's domination subsided drastically after the opening 20 minutes and once the Olympic midfield took control it was only a matter of time before the avalanche began.

Raskopoulos, stroking the ball about brilliantly, was given far too much

room to weave his magic, often catching the Blacktown defence ball-watching while his team-mates were running into position unmarked.

This is what happened in the 27th minute when the two young Socceros combined to bring the first big chant from the Olympic fans: Koussas ran onto a perfect pass and hammered the ball home.

The second Koussas goal came not long afterwards and showed how ruthlessly Olympic were about to punish any defensive errors.

James, challenged in the air after a corner by Redfern, lost the ball and there was Koussas volleying it past a maze of defenders into the net.

The demoralised Blacktown resorted to some hair-raising fouls.

One particular tackle, when Djordjevic "caught" Jennings near the touchline, had coach Doug Collins do a "Rudi", rushing to Blacktown coach Rale Rasic with some bitter complaints.

The referee had some trouble cooling the rival coaches and the players.

Two minutes before

the break the Olympic fans had more to cheer about.

Jennings, unmarked, delivered a precision chip over the defence to Jim Redfern to streak away and score.

In the 62nd minute Jennings sent Gavin through with a delicate chip over the defence to beat the offside trap and there was the fourth goal.

Jones had two chances but missed from close range before Djordjevic sent a 30 metre dipper on fulltime to break the nought.

— Mike Mikolajczyk

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NEWCASTLE v MARCONI 2-0(1-0)

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Reaney (4)	Mason (4)	Dando (4)	Drinkwater (3)	Endacott (3)
Senkalski (4)	Sumner (3)	Jones (5)		
Kamasz (3)	Mountford (3)	Heys (4)		
Jankovics (3)	Krnecic (3)	Sharne (2)		
Carvone (3)	Picioane (2)	Byrne (3)		
Degney (3)	Tomasich (3)	Mariani (3)	Brogan (2)	
	Corry (5)			

Marconi (4-3-3)

Replacements: Housseini (35m) for Picioane, McClelland (58m) for Mountford, Hunter (60m) for Carvone.
Goals: 1-0 Mountford (26m), 2-0 Sumner (59m).
Referee: P. Rampley (NSW) — Crowd: 5,027 — Cautions: Brogan, Drinkwater.

With detracting from Newcastle's fine win, this was but a shrunken shadow of the great Marconi teams of the past.

Magical goal-scoring names like Jankovics, Krnecic and Sharne caused goalkeeper Phil Dando little concern and one mourns the demise of that lethal combination.

In fact, Dando's most difficult moment came midway through the first half when a miscued clearance by Paul Reaney forced the goalkeeper to palm the ball over his crossbar.

Despite some defensive lapses the game was highly entertaining and it was Newcastle who scorned most of the

MERE SHADOW

goalscoring opportunities coupled with the brilliance of Ron Corry in the Marconi goal.

Corry, now 40, was his side's hero, showing uncanny positional skill and excellent reflex ability to snuff out many shots.

But he had little chance of preventing Newcastle's opening goal in the 26th minute.

A devastating run by David Jones left Marconi's right defence in tatters and his cross was diverted by Bob Mountford goalwards where Peter Brogan deflected the ball past Corry.

Next minute

Newcastle skipper Roy Drinkwater powered a solid header only to find the ever alert Corry well positioned.

Corry again saved his side when Joe Senkalski jinked his way through a defensive line and the goalkeeper parried his shot against the post.

Senkalski, enjoying great freedom in midfield, broke through again shortly after the start of the second half and his blistering 30-metre drive whistled past the upright and to emphasise Newcastle's superiority Corry courageously blocked another effort from

Jones.

There was so little cohesion between Marconi's midfield and attack and a visionary player of the Roberto Vieri type is needed to link these units.

Senkalski was involved in Newcastle's second goal after 59 minutes by serving the fleetfooted Jones on the left wing and NZ skipper Steve Sumner applied the finishing touch.

Malcolm McClelland who has settled his differences with the club replaced the injured Bob Mountford just before this goal and looked quite sharp as he bids to regain a regular place in the team.

— Myles Hay

BRISBANE LIONS v HEIDELBERG 0-0

Brisbane Lions (4-3-3)

Wilson (3)	Burns (4)	Lowndes (4)	Hermiston (5)	Niven (4)
Hogg (3)	McLean (3)	Ferris (4)		
Low (3)	Daunt (3)	Williamson (4)		
Bozikas (3)	Paton (3)	Cole (3)	Rooney (3)	
McLeod (4)	Selemidis (3)	Tasevski (3)	McMillan (4)	
	Provan (4)	Yzendoorn (4)		
	Olver (4)			

Heidelberg (4-4-2)

Replacement: Ogden (80m) for Hogg.
Referee: C. Amos (Qld.) — Crowd: 1,400 — Cautions: Nil.

Heidelberg came to Brisbane with their "patient soccer" and played a Lions team minus half of their renowned backline, both Bennett and Ontong failing fitness tests.

Coach Gilroy, shrewd as ever, played his own brand of tight defence for the first 45 minutes with Hermiston playing behind youngsters, Wilson and Burns who were understandably a little tentative with their immediate opponents, Cole and Paton.

Nothing happened for 12 minutes and then Cole brought the crowd to life as he blasted over from close range.

Another 18 minutes passed and Lowndes

TOO PATIENT

showed his class, saving at Tasevski's feet after the youngster was put through by clever one touch football.

However, Cole should have put his side ahead when he ran onto a back headed corner kick and only managed to lift the ball over the bar.

Lions did manage to get shots on target late in the half when first Daunt volleyed a shot on the turn only to see Olver save well and then a cross cum shot from Williamson bounced on top of the bar.

Lions changed their plans after the break and

all of a sudden it was a new ball game with the Lions midfield working hard at cutting down the service to Cole and Paton.

The plan worked and Lions began to look capable of getting two points.

Low, Williamson and Daunt all had chances and got shots in and Olver saved well from a Ferris header.

Williamson did not but the referee had whistled up play a fraction earlier.

The game had opened up somewhat but the two defences were still on top and the game

petered out to the inevitable conclusion.

"Patient Soccer" may be the way to go but when two teams play it the outcome can be a trifle boring for the spectators.

— Jim Binnie



WEST ADELAIDE v FOOTSCRAY 3-2(1-1)

West Adelaide (4-3-3)

McKie (3)	Topaz (5)	Crook (4)	Forde (4)	Maricic (4)
Honeyman (5)	McGregor (4)	Bozanic (5)		
Smythe (3)	Kowalski (3)	Stefanopoulos (3)		
Lujic (5)	Cozzella (3)	Verweij (3)		
Lujic (5)	Cozzella (3)	Verweij (3)		
Jovanovic (4)	Ilioski (4)	Kakantonis (3)		
Hazabent (4)	Kondarios (4)	Kyriakouleas (4)	Milne (4)	
	Boland (5)			

Footscray (4-3-3)

Replacements: Lorenzoni (58m) for Kowalski, Brown (61m) for McKie.
Goals: 0-1 Verweij (28m), 1-1 Honeyman (29m), 1-2 Lujic (63m), 2-2 Topaz (64m pen.), 3-2 Lorenzoni (80m).
Referee: R. Kerr — Crowd: 3,200.

Westad twice came from behind to snatch the points in this absorbing encounter.

Footscray's confidence must have been shattered when each time they established a lead, Westad managed an equaliser within a minute.

But the Eagles must have been counting on both points when, with 17 minutes left, Westad midfielder Vic Bozanic was forced to leave the field suffering from a suspected fractured cheek-bone.

Bozanic's departure left Westad with 10 men for the crucial finale as coach Peter Jaksa had already used his full quota of substitutes, with Aldo Lorenzoni

GALLANT FIGHT

replacing Peter Kowalski and Tim Brown coming in for Ian McKie.

That Westad overcame these seemingly insurmountable odds was a tribute to the skill and persistence of midfielders, Graham Honeyman, Bozanic and the stirring defensive work of Shraga Topaz, Tom Forde and Zoran Maricic.

With the stylish Zdravko Lujic creating havoc on the left flank and big Johan Verweij and Bruno Cozzella sweeping downfield Footscray looked threatening in the early stages.

Martyn Crook proved again to be the master of the one-on-one situation when he came off his line to thwart Lujic when the striker broke clear from the halfway line.

But, the Eagles were in front six minutes later as Verweij rose high in the penalty area to nod home an excellent cross from young Bruno Cozzella.

Had the match been televised there would not have been time for a replay because Westad levelled in the next minute when Honeyman accepted a fine pass from Bozanic to glide a ground shot home.

That success spurred Westad who would have taken a deserved lead but for the goalkeeping heroics of Dennis Boland who brilliantly saved close range shots from Vic Smythe and Kowalski before half-time.

Footscray regained the advantage 18 minutes into the second half when Lujic beat Crook with an amazing angled lob from wide on the wing.

But again Westad came bouncing back a minute later when Topaz hammered a penalty past Boland.

It was heart-stopping stuff from then on, but young Lorenzoni netted the clincher 10 minutes from time.

STH. MELBOURNE v BRISBANE CITY 0-2(0-1)

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

Bannon (3)	Blair (4)	Laumets (4)	Xanthopoulos (4)	Davidson (—)
Stevenson (3)	Rogers (4)	Nicolaidis (3)		
Cummings (3)	Wooddin (3)	Buljevic (3)		
P. Wilkinson (3)	Kelson (4)	Conner (5)		
Hamilton (4)	Pimblett (3)	Gaffney (3)		
B. Wilkinson (3)	Dunne (4)	Ratcliffe (4)	Vincenzino (2)	
	Wishart (4)			

Brisbane City (4-3-3)

Replacement: Lutton (17m) for Davidson.
Goals: 0-1 Conner (39m), 0-2 Paul Wilkinson (54m).
Referee: C. Bambridge — Crowd: 4,000 — Cautions: Vincenzino, Gaffney.

You cannot take it away from Brisbane City.

In fact, Dame Fortune smiled on South Melbourne during a second half which could have seen two more goals without question.

The game started with South Melbourne doing everything right and may have been luckier with two efforts in the first ten minutes.

Then tragedy struck in the shape of Alan Davidson being carried off in the 17th minute with an ankle injury.

Bertie Lutton came on as replacement, and did a fine job too, but I feel that the loss of Davidson played on the minds of the South Melbourne

BARGAIN LOSS

players too much.

However, I feel that Brisbane City clicked with their teamwork, mainly with the skills of Ratcliffe, Conner, Hamilton and Kelso.

As one South player told me after the game, they were unbeatable on the day.

South should have put away a great chance at the 32nd minute, when Wooddin crossed to Cummings from the left wing and a Stevenson drive went wide.

Brisbane City tightened up the midfield after that and South's forwards saw

much less of the ball.

The ever alert Conner picked up a nice pass from Kelso, who has blossomed out into a better player lately and slammed in the first goal.

Brisbane City carried on with the bright soccer in the second half, and did not give South much room to attack, so it was no surprise when Paul Wilkinson zoomed through to make the game safe for the Northerners at the 54th minute.

Cummings made two staunch efforts to retrieve the deficit, but

one went past and the other brought out the best in Wishart.

Everything pointed to a third Brisbane goal when Conner went on a mazy run to beat three defenders, but Laumets had the final say in blocking his shot.

South were playing desperately now with both Rogers and Cummings having close attempts foiled.

Wooddin slipped the ball to Cummings, who finally shot over with five minutes to go. Brisbane City gave no more chances away, with Conner obviously the man of the match.

— Jock Stephen

West Adelaide (4-3-3)

McGregor (4)	Topaz (4)	Crook (4)	Bozanic (3)
Gregson (3)	Brown (3)	Honeyman (3)	
Wright (3)	Kowalski (3)	Manecas (3)	
●			
Jennings (4)	Koussas (3)	Gavin (4)	
K. Wilson (4)	Raskopoulos (5)	Katholas (4)	
Cross (4)	Ziras (4)	Jamieson (4)	Moulis (4)
	P. Wilson (4)		

Olympic (4-3-3)

Replacements: McKie (46m) for Gregson, Marwe (65m) for Brown, Akoutas (87m) for Gavin.
Goal: 0-1 Koussas (1m).
Referee: J. Rossis — **Crowd:** 2,400 — **Caution:** Koussas.

POSTPONED GAME**WEST ADELAIDE v OLYMPIC 0-1 (0-0)**

Olympians downed Westad only 1-0 in this deferred match, but won the plaudits of the SA soccer public with a superb display of rapid-fire, attacking football.

If this effort was characteristic of Olympic's style then this surely is a championship side in the making.

One has heard a lot about them lately but

still it was a delight to see their virile, go-go stuff.

Olympic got away to a dream start when Mark Koussas banged in a 20 metre drive in the opening minute.

This Young Socceroo is getting sharper with every game and may soon be a "proper" national team player.

Olympic's only real failing was their inaccuracy in front of goal, but that is understandable because they seldom waited to be in scoring position to try shots.

Westad were simply not allowed to get into the game.

After that goal it was go,go,go all the way as Olympic ran Westad

ragged with their 100-kilometres-per-hour work-rate and their youthful, unbridled enthusiasm.

Peter Raskopoulos orchestrated things in mid-field with amazing maturity for his 19 years.

They tried manfully but couldn't match the combinative speed of their opponents.

— Allan Crisp

Heidelberg (4-3-3)

McMillan (4)	Provan (4)	Olver (3)	Yzendoorn (5)	Yankos (4)
Selemidis (4)	Taylor (3)	Rooney (5)		
Bozikas (3)	Cole (4)	Paton (3)		
●				
Sharne (3)	Krnecic (3)	Jankovics (3)		
Tomasich (3)	Byrne (5)	Calderon (2)		
Degney (3)	Mariani (3)	Henderson (4)	Brogan (4)	
	Corry (4)			

Marconi (4-3-3)

Replacements: Carbone (67m) for Henderson, Tasevski (80m) for Rooney.
Goals: 1-0 Yzendoorn (39m), 1-1 Krnecic (81m).
Referee: C. Bambridge — **Crowd:** 3,000 — **Cautions:** Calderan, Cole, Mariani, Taylor, Henderson.

POSTPONED GAME**HEIDELBERG v MARCONI 1-1(1-0)**

This postponed game, played last Wednesday evening at Olympic Park, found the playing surface in very good condition considering the use during the past week between rugby and soccer.

Two yellow cards in the second minute spoke ill for the standard of play, with little class in the early exchanges.

The third minute saw

the ball in the net, but Paton was adjudged to have fouled 'keeper Corry and the goal was disallowed.

The strong Heidelberg defence were too much for the Marconi attack, even though Byrne and Henderson were giving them lots of service.

Cole was receiving the close attention of Calderon, with Brogan tackling well when

needed.

Selemidis and Cole were well backed up by Rooney to counter any Marconi attacks and this period was all Heidelberg.

The 22nd minute saw a great run by Selemidis and his shot was well held by Corry.

A Heidelberg set piece from a freekick by Yzendoorn shocked Marconi and Corry with a superb

ground shot which put Heidelberg one up at the 39th minute.

This stung Henderson into action with a lone run, and his solo effort was thwarted by Olver.

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Marconi were swinging the ball about, with Sharne coming to life with a smart cross for a Krnecic header to snatch a point with nine minutes to go.

— Jock Stephen

League boss talks of options

This is the full, unedited text of the announcement by Frank Lowy, Chairman of the Philips League, concerning the departure of the Philips sponsorship:

"We have been advised by Philips Industries that they will be continuing their sponsorship support of Australian soccer through the development and sponsorship of the Australia-wide Philips Cup over the next three years.

"However, Philips will not be continuing their role as sole sponsor of the competition currently known as Philips Soccer League.

"The League and its clubs are deeply indebted to Philips Industries for their support of the League since its inception.

"The Club Presidents met tonight to consider a solution to the possible financial vacuum that

has been created through this alteration in Philips Industries' involvement with the League.

"The Clubs have agreed that they will underwrite any possible financial deficit created whilst alternative arrangements are made. There are a number of options open to us ranging from the securing of a new sponsor with naming rights to the League, alternatively involvement of a group of sponsors, or various fund raising activities."

A company spokesman for Philips Industries said:

"Philips has considered several alternatives for our future involvement in soccer. It is our intention to continue our long standing support through sponsorship of the Philips Cup Tournament subject to final agreements being reached with the Australian Soccer Federation."

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FROM THE PRESS BOX

From the emerging bits and pieces, sometimes in broken fragments and from whispered asides, it's becoming possible to assemble the whole picture of the "Philips Disaster."

It's almost certain that Philips' decision to terminate its sponsorship was the result of a series of events.

True, Philips Industries did carry out a thorough market survey recently to find out whether their product market warranted such a heavy financial commitment.

It's also true that recent changes at the top of Philips' North Sydney offices — the departure of Herman Huyer and Bob Collin, for example — could have precipitated a change in policy.

New managements like to take a fresh look at company involvements and often come up with new ideas and new answers to old problems.

But it seems certain that to some extent — we will never know exactly to what extent — soccer itself contributed to the loss of this benefactor.

• IRRITANTS

In recent months — as reported exclusively in this newspaper — some official ASF Marketing brochures began to refer to the Philips Soccer League as "national" league.

Now, as these brochures were produced not by an outside agency unfamiliar with the finer points of protocol but by Marketing acutely aware of the sensitive issues involved, these faux pas could not have been accidental.

Earlier we revealed the fact that the ASF and PSL gave their endorsement to the Japanese electronic giants JVC for video-cassette equipment instead of to Philips.

A Philips spokesman told us at that time that they "weren't happy" but will accept the decision. ASF Marketing then explained that the deal was made in London through West Nally.

Still, it could have been yet another irritant which began to sour the relationships.

But there could have been some other reasons, too.

At first, all the negotiations with Philips (back in 1976) started with ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre who was soon joined by president Arthur George and later by PSL manager John Frank.

It was what in business circles is called "principal to principal" talks — often over a dinner table.

All that has changed lately.

For the past year or so, Arthur George has left all detailed negotiations to ASF Marketing — probably a serious tactical mistake.

An ASF source was quite outspoken about it.

"Arthur George should have been at the final stages of the negotiations with Philips but wasn't," he said.

"I don't think he ever established the same cordial relations with the new Philips top management that he had with Herman Huyer before."

"Maybe even Arthur George couldn't have saved the deal but he should have tried."

• UNORTHODOX

Even news of the termination of sponsorship broke in an unorthodox way.

We understand that Philips Industries notified ASF Marketing first; they in turn told PSL Chairman Frank Lowy; he passed the news to ASF vice president Peter McCann who then called Brian Le Fevre.

Almost precisely the reverse order one would have expected.

Arthur George, meanwhile, is somewhere on a remote Greek island on holidays and cannot be contacted; he is due back on September 6.

One can only hope that he is having a relaxing holiday because he will walk straight into a disturbed hornet's nest, what with argument raging about "summer" soccer — and the loss of the Philips sponsorship.

• HEAVY LOSSES

So this is roughly what did happen. What now?

At a secretly convened meeting in Sydney last week, attended by all 16 PSL club delegates, chairman Frank Lowy informed the gathering of the news.

All 16 clubs immediately resolved that they will carry on whether a new major sponsor is found or not.

This would mean an extra \$20,000 per club to be scraped together for the airfares in 1982, it was announced.

Some lucky clubs can simply write out a cheque — but there are others whose ability to locate the extra cash is highly suspect.

In fact, it's becoming expensive to stay in the League for some clubs.

But even that sum of \$20,000 is suspect.

According to our calculations, at present the annual airfares cost \$639,970 — less some 20 per cent discount.

Last year it was \$526,381 less the same discount and in 1982 it could be close to \$800,000.

This, despite a generous discount, could be about \$40,000 in airfares, per club next year.

A leading club official estimates that airfare, hotel and meal expenses in 1982 will cost close to \$1 million — about \$62,000 per club.

And without a major sponsor, most clubs just can't find that money.

A club must find a \$15,000 annual PSL membership fee, about \$20,000 (or more) for a coach, perhaps \$40,000 for airfares, close to \$10,000 on interstate hotels and meals — some \$85,000 before a single player is signed or a ball is purchased.

It's hardly an exaggeration that in 1982 a club with ambitions of doing well in the League will have to spend over \$400,000 on its squad.

If you take 3,000 paying spectators as an average for the 15 home matches (all adults and all paying), this provides only some \$135,000 in gate revenue.

And this is a very generous calculation: several clubs stay below the \$100,000 level...

• COMMERCIAL

The search has already started for a corporation to replace Philips.

ASF Marketing is extremely confident that they will find one or perhaps a consortium.

But it's doubtful if another corporation can be found which will make so few demands and cause so little interference as Philips did.

Sport at the top international level is becoming extremely commercialised: take Coca-Cola's involvement in the World Youth Cup, or take McDonald's powerful presence for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and many similar examples.

And most of these companies don't enter sport because they love it but because of product considerations.

Fair enough, perhaps — but the danger is that companies which spend millions on a sport eventually will tell the organisers how, when and where they want to run certain events.

It's too naive to think that the 1981 Youth World Cup was obtained for Australia by the ASF.

Had Coca-Cola in Atlanta, Georgia, preferred Iceland, Tanzania or Cuba, as the site, the series would have gone there despite all the eloquence of Arthur George.

Philips have been the most compliant sponsors you could ever wish for, almost aristocratic in their demeanour.

It's a big question what the next one will be like.

And it's an even bigger question to what extent soccer should become "market oriented" instead of "spectator oriented."

Professional sport all over the world relies heavily on corporate grants and sponsorships; the actual running of the show is gradually being transferred from sports administrators to account executives and sales managers of multi-national companies.

I am not saying that this is necessarily a bad thing — especially when one knows the quality of the sports administrators — but it has certain dangers.

Too much bow-towing to commercial interests could be detrimental to sport.

And this is something Australian soccer should try to avoid if and when a new sponsor is found for the PSL.

• A LUXURY?

Meanwhile the almost heretical question must be asked: can Australian soccer, with its very limited appeal, afford to have a national league?

A more regionalised competition, like the freshly mooted NSW "Super League" begins to have more and more appeal.

Is it worth dragging Brisbane teams to Sydney or Melbourne teams to Adelaide at staggering expenses — when hardly anybody wants to see them in action?

Aren't we merely tickling the egos of some club officials with this costly exercise which, in five years, has not caught the imagination of the public at large.

Perhaps the time has come to take stock of our entire set-up, not just some segments of it.

It's no longer merely the question of 'summer soccer', semi-professional national league, a desperate but rather senseless attempt to "Australianise" the game and other isolated issues — but the problem as a whole and how the parts fit together.

I doubt whether the mounting headaches of the

game can be solved by finding a new sponsor, deciding to play from October to May and calling the clubs by nicknames.

The issues are infinitely more complex than that.

We need a carefully prepared convention where national and State issues and interests can be aired in a spirit of co-operation and not antagonism.

If soccer is incapable of taking stock of its resources in an honest and realistic way, it will keep going with cosmetic changes towards a total collapse.

— Andrew Dettre

Ex — Marconi pair now run Socceroos...



The current national coach Les Scheinflug with his assistant, the surprise choice Raul Blanco.

Luciano Nesti to be the next Socceroo coach?

Well, he could be if precedence means anything. The current holder of the post Les Scheinflug left Marconi at the end of 1980 and his assistant Raul Blanco resigned from the same club a few weeks ago.

Now Nesti is in charge of Marconi...

Quite a few eyebrows were raised rather sharply when it was learned that Blanco was appointed to travel with the Socceroos as assistant coach.

Some people have queried his credentials, not to mention his recent record.

But he is not the only big-name coach to come a cropper in 1981.

Frank Arok missed the State title with St. George and Rale Rasic is heading towards relegation with Blacktown...

TV deals sluggish

Some of the big TV advertising deals for the October Youth World Cup have not yet materialised.

In its last issue, the advertising weekly "B & T" reported that none of the \$100,000 packages have been sold.

Network 10 is offering advertisers a choice of four packages during its exclusive telecast of the World Cup.

TEN's director of sales, Michael Whiting, says the packages were aimed at the seven companies which sponsor the soccer program on a worldwide basis — Guinness, McDonald's, JVC, Gillette, Coca-Cola, Canon and Seiko.

"We were hoping one or all of them would pick up these packages," he says.

Each will receive 240 30-second commercials across the four national markets, association with all the network stations' promotional activity, tickets to each game, and product identification in all telecasts through the use of 10 five-second lower frame pull-through announcements.

Whiting, however, says the middle-range "Network Midfielders" are selling well.

This deal offers 20 60-second (one every two hours) for \$32,000 and 10 30-second (one every two hours) for \$20,000.

Network "Spot Shots" are selling at \$3,000 for 30-seconds and \$4,800 for 60-seconds.

MIDWEEK

Two postponed matches are scheduled for this week.

On Wednesday Marconi will play Blacktown at Marconi Stadium (8pm) and on Friday Heidelberg will meet Lions at Olympic Park (8pm.)

★ ★ ★
• George Potter of Brisbane City: "The team had performed at their very best with cohesion the key word."

YOUTH LEAGUE

For the first time in several weeks the lead at the top of the table has not altered, even though leaders A.I.S. did not play.

The two main contenders Marconi and Leichhardt both faltered, with the Fairfields going down to new little aspirants Newcastle 0-2, whilst at Lambert Park the young "Arrows" created what must be the upset of the season, by taking a point from the strong Leichhardt side.

This match was highly entertaining with plenty of good soccer coming from both sides.

After an even and scoreless first half the young Strikers applied a lot of pressure on the Arrows in the second half, but the Canberra defence, with goalkeeper Neil Coles outstanding, weathered the onslaught until the 30th minute when David Watt headed in a George Savidis corner.

From that minute on the game completely changed, with the young Arrows taking complete charge of the proceedings.

Their efforts were rewarded when, in a procession of errors by the Leichhardt defense, Harry Williams crossed and Micky Searle cleverly nipped in to slip the ball past keeper Bob Parkes for the equaliser.

At the International Sports Centre the young "Raiders" brought themselves back into title contention with a fine 2-0 win against Marconi.

In a match played in windy conditions the Newcastle boys mastered the elements the better of the two teams and that gave them the edge.

The Marconi defence, which included former Socceroo Ivo Prskalo in his first game for many weeks, were unable to cope with the "gangly awkwardness" of Alf Stamp, who gave them problems everytime he got near the ball.

At the other end the Newcastle backline consisted of four players who all played under-16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
A.I.S.	24	14	3	7	66	41	31
LEICHHARDT	22	13	5	4	50	29	31
MARCONI	22	13	4	5	53	24	30
NEWCASTLE	23	11	8	4	45	37	30
SYDNEY CITY	23	8	10	5	56	34	26
OLYMPIANS	23	9	6	8	38	28	24
WOLLONGONG	23	7	3	13	27	52	17
BLACKTOWN	21	3	3	15	28	54	9
CANBERRA	21	1	2	18	17	81	4

RESULTS FROM LAST WEEKEND:

Blacktown v Olympians 1-5 (0-1) (Goals: Pollard, Townson (3, 1 pen.), Kelly, Cotton.)
Newcastle v Marconi 2-0 (1-0) (Goals: Stamp, Lowe)
Leichhardt v Canberra 1-1 (0-0) (Goals: Watt, Searle)
Wollongong v Sydney City 2-2 (1-1) (Goals: Kotamnidis, Trenter (2).)

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday: Marconi v Blacktown, 6pm, Marconi Oval
Sunday: Olympians v Newcastle, 12.45pm, Pratten Park
Sunday: Wollongong v Canberra, 12.45pm, Bruce Stadium

soccer last year: Robert Vergilli, Ralph Maier, Glenn Wand and George Raffli.
A hat-trick from Olympians striker Chris Townson helped his side to a comfortable 5-1 win over the Blacktown Imps at the Gabby Stadium.

The first half was a fairly even affair but the Olympians went in at the break leading 1-0 through an intelligent piece of play by defender Mick Kelly who got behind the opposing defence to head in a cross at the far post.

The second half was completely dominated by Olympians and added goals by Chris Townson (3) and Roy Cotton.

Steve Pollard got Blacktown's consolation goal two minutes from the end.

In an uninspiring match in extremely windy conditions at the Wollongong Show Ground, the Young Wolves and the Slickers played a 2-2 draw.

Neither side came to grips with the conditions.

Peter Kotamnidis followed his midweek triumph (where he led

the Keira Boys High to victory in the Tasman Cup and scored two of his sides three goals) by putting the Wolves in front.

Former New Zealand international Clive Campbell put them further ahead when he scored direct from a corner.

Mark Trenter pulled one back for the Slickers before halftime from the penalty spot after Graeme Fletcher had been brought down inside the penalty box.

Mark Trenter also scored the equaliser close in following a corner kick.

LEADING SCORERS:

Michael McLaughlin (A.I.S.)	19
Paul Scheinflug (Marconi)	18
Danny Wright (A.I.S.)	15
Alf Stamp (Newcastle)	15
Grant Lee (Sydney City)	13
Chris Townson (Olympians)	13
Graeme Fletcher (Sydney City)	12
John Bradley (Leichhardt)	10
Robert De Ceglie (Leichhardt)	10

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VETERAN POLES TESTED

FIRST DIVISION

—By Charles Spiteri

Polonia 'pinched' fourth place from Sutherland in the last round, something Sutherland officials had been fearing for weeks as they saw their side drop silly points round after round.

Now Polonia face Melita in the sudden death semifinal.

Melita must be favorites, having lost only three games this year.

They also have a side that is much more experienced in final-four football.

Last year they lost the grand final to Olympic, and many of that team are still in the Eagles colours.

Polonia are new to the State League and must be congratulated for their effort.

At the start of the season their officials felt they could make their mark this year and the Grand Final is their chief target.

Their side is finely balanced, with perhaps one of the best goalkeepers in the country in Ziggy Kalinowski.

A former Polish international like three of his team-mates, he was brought to Australia by Polonia to give the side experience and backbone.

The three other Poles, Galas, Szobczyk and Garlowski have more than repaid their transfer by providing the team with some excellent soccer and many match winning goals.

Melita have possibly one of the strongest and best known midfield partnerships in the league in John Stoddart and Ray Farrugia.

Melita managed to keep pace with Croatia and St. George for much of the first half of the season, but at the half-way mark it was becoming obvious that the two "super teams" were gradually pulling away.

As a result Melita were left in something of a limbo.

They couldn't catch the leaders, and yet they seemed fairly safe from being caught by the fourth placed team.

The battle between Sutherland and Polonia weakened both to the extent where they allowed Melita to open an eight point gap at one stage, finally ending with Polonia finishing seven points adrift.

This week we also have the relegation battle, between Parramatta and North Sydney.

To predict a winner — or a loser — is a difficult task.

Both sides have their good qualities which could come to the fore to rescue them.

Norths have their youthful zest and Parramatta have their experience.

Parramatta have had to do it the hard way once before and will know the pressures.

Norths will be fighting to stay in the state league and try and prove that last year's performances were not a fluke.

It should be a fiery encounter.

We predict a Melita win in the minor semifinal, 2-1.

In the relegation battle, it looks to us like Norths could have the edge.

We tip a North Sydney win 3-2.



Galas of Polonia



Melita's John Stoddart

PAGANO GETS PRECIOUS GOAL

Croatia claimed their fourth title since 1977 with a 1-0 win over Parramatta.

Croatia finished on 49 points, two ahead of St. George who beat Sutherland 4-0 at St. George stadium.

Melita Eagles clinched third spot with a 2-2 draw against Monaro in Queanbeyan, while Polonia sneaked in with a 2-1 victory over Manly to edge Sutherland out.

The relegation issue remains undecided with Parramatta and North Sydney, who are equal on 15 points at the bottom, now having to fight out a play-off match this week.

In other results Bankstown defeated Riverwood 2-0, Auburn beat North Sydney 3-1, and Avala edged out Canterbury 1-0.

Croatia, to the cheer of almost 4,000 spectators, dominated the match, although Parramatta almost scored after a defensive error in the second half.

The vital goal came after only eight minutes when left fullback Bobby Pagano hit the winner to claim the fourth NSW Premiership for Croatia in the last five years.

St. George turned in a much better performance this week but it came too late to peg back the difference at the top of the table.

Dez Marton scored a hat-trick, with fellow striker Ernie Campbell scoring the other goal.

The score could have been even higher if Sutherland goalkeeper Mal Haynes had not been in such good form.

Sutherland's defeat and Polonia's victory over Manly at Chopin Park means that Polonia claimed the vital remaining place in the top four final.

Polonia scored both goals in the first half, through striker Anito Budini and centreback Tony Galas.

Manly came back in the second half to push Polonia right to the end, but they could only score one goal through Stuart Regan.

Bankstown scored their fourth win in the last five matches to finish officially in third last place after seeming destined for relegation one month ago.

Both their goals came in the second half again, St. Riverwood at the Bankstown soccer centre through striker John Beater and midfielder Peter Rea.

Auburn's 3-1 victory at Mona Park sunk a depleted North Sydney into the depths of relegation trouble, with two goals coming in the first five minutes of the match.

Monaro and Melita played a controversial 2-2 draw at Queanbeyan.

The match ended on a sour note after a very rugged 90 minutes when Monaro defender Mark Francis had to be rushed

to hospital with concussion.

ST. GEORGE v SUTHERLAND 4-0 (1-0)

St. George: Fraser, Skeen, Terry, Barton, Rylands (Tantevski 83m), McDonald, Davies, Stone, Campbell, Griffiths, Marton (Walker 85m).
Sutherland: Haynes, Hesford, Watkins, McNiece (Murphy 65m), Dal Forno, Rogers (Connor 57m), Groom, Meades, T. Bush, Beggs, P. Bush.
Goals: 1-0 Marton (32m), 2-0 Marton (50m), 3-0 Campbell (55m), 4-0 Marton (73m).
Referee: D. Rennie. Crowd: 800.
Cautions: Skeen, McNiece.

AUBURN v NORTH SYDNEY 3-1 (2-0)

Auburn: Bowman, McInerney, Prgomelja, Bielby, Sullivan, (McKendrick 26m), McDonald, Quigley, Bertram, Brown, Pondekas (Thiering 69m), Daley.
Norths: Katsavelas, Lucchessi, Stenning, Blue, Matheson, Retford, S. Wilson (Marino 88m), Minutolo, Mitchell, Morsello, T. Wilson.
Goals: 1-0 Daley (3m), 2-0 Brown (5m), 3-0 Daley (58m), 3-1 S. Wilson (68m).
Referee: R. Donas. Crowd: 450.

POLONIA v MANLY 2-1 (2-0)

Polonia: Kalinowski, Zounis, Jiersa, R. Budini, Galas, Sookkee, Noble, Divani, Lemanczyk, Szobczyk, A. Budini.
Manly: Ellis, K. Falconer, Emery, Doyle, Stocks, Geohagan, Jack, P. Falconer, Smith, Reagan, Palamara (Stewart 46m).
Goals: 1-0 A. Budini (20m), 2-0 Galas (33m), 2-1 Reagan (78m).

PARRAMATTA v CROATIA 0-1 (0-1)

Parramatta: Donovan, Fairclough, Biglands, Bates, Lackey, Roughley, McKenzie, Juchniewicz, Roden, Montgomery, Crawford.
Croatia: Watson, A. Kovacic, Pagano, M. Kovacic, Coleman, Steven, Vidalic, H. Silva, M. Silva, Borges, Hensman (Parker 46m).
Goal: 0-1 Pagano (8m).

BANKSTOWN v RIVERWOOD 2-0 (0-0)

Bankstown: Lachowicz, Rootsey, Usher, Radovic, Greg Lynch, Rea, Glen Lynch (Peck 83m), Nocera, Sirelli, Beater, Fergusson.
Riverwood: Gisbourne, Blackburn, Wignall, Butcher, O'Donovan, McCrorie, Rydstrand (Brennan 84m), Lee, Bulloch, Tracey, Langdon.
Goals: 1-0 Beater (51m), 2-0 Rea (53m).
Referee: G. Warner. Crowd: 450.

INTER MONARO v MELITA 2-2 (1-1)

Monaro: Caputo, Francis, Crawford, Noble, Santolin, Falzon, Arquero, Charles, Link, Valeri, Heywood.
Melita: Greedy, McCoy, Daley, Campbell, McPherson (Loxley 41m), Darvill, Stoddart, Farrugia, Allan, Martinez, Jones.
Goals: 0-1 Allan (9m), 1-1 Valeri (44m), 2-1 Arquero (67m), 2-2 Allan (80m).
Referee: K. Allen. Crowd: 1300.
Cautions: Charles, Heywood.

CANTERBURY v AVALA 0-1 (0-0)

Canterbury: McPherson, Pseutolonomou, Lane, Brown, Barton, Basterfield, Thannidis, Osman, Brown, Williams, Laws.
Avala: Ahrens, Lembray, Turnbull, Fairclough, Vujinovic, Ruiz, Bateman, Pearson, Youssef, Samuels, Karanfilovski.
Goal: 0-1 Samuels (59m).

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EDENSOR HAVE ITCHY FEET

Fifth division champions Edensor Park who went through the competition undefeated will apply to the NSW Soccer Federation to play in third division next season.

Like their stablemate Croatia, the club had a tremendously successful season having dropped only four points throughout the season.

With the exception of one player — Paul Jancek — every first grade

Yugal won the 1981 first division championship and promotion for next year when they beat Kuringai in a top game of football at the ES Marks Field.

Kuringai who led the way for most of the season faltered in the last match against a determined effort by Yugal whose aims were the championship from the outset.

It was one of the toughest competitions for years and Yugal won the day by the narrowest of margins.

At the other end of the table, University fought out to get a draw against Bathurst and even up with Belmore at the bottom. As both sides are on 17 points, a play-off will decide who will be relegated next season.

Fairy Meadow finished third by beating Warringah 2-1 and Wollongong's win over Guildford earned fourth place, and a berth in the semis ahead of Blacktown on goal average.

Blacktown won their game against Revesby but the score was not big enough to overcome Wollongong's goal average.

The semi-finals will be played on Sunday at Francis and Guildford Parks and the final will be played a week later at Potts Park.

Highlights of some of this week's games were:

YUGAL v KURINGAI 2-1

The little decider was a tense but entertaining game, watched by some 2,000 fans.

Playing with a strong wind in the first half, Kuringai held the upper hand for long periods.

Yet the first goal came for Yugal when midfielder McGrath burst through in the 12th minute.

Kuringai equalised through Gould some 11 minutes later.

In the second half Yugal took the initiative and when Dave McIntosh smashed home a fine shot from some 16 metres, the game was just about over.

Kuringai made some desperate attempts to get on even terms again yet it was Yugal which had the really big chances through Babian and Rokodera.

Yugal: Berry, Cummings, Randell, McIntosh, Clarke, McGrath (Mihalovic), Babian, Travini, Rodas, Rokodera, Tanoski.
Coach: I. Takac.
Kuringai: Antman, Haynes, Robertson, Sidey, Hammond, Williamson, McGill, Gould, Seach, McCranor (Smith), Stewart.

BLACKTOWN v REVESBY 3-0

Blacktown finished the season with a top game of football and although they won easily they missed out on a semi-final berth on goal average.

They were two goals up in 20 minutes with goals from Steve Davidson and Frank De Valle and led by this score at halftime.

With Revesby having another poor game, Peter Murray added another goal in the second half and Revesby never looked like scoring.

Blacktown: Evans, R. Ramisch, Eldridge, Ber, Foster, Clarke, De Valle, Taylor, Davidson, Murray, J. Ramisch. Coach: D. Zeman.
Revesby: Pearce, Adams, Anderson, Harris, Pittman, Sadek.

Byles, Judd, (Parkinson), Mackin, Gill, Larkins. Coach: R. Harbour.

UNI OF NSW v BATHURST 2-2

One goal down at halftime, University fought back quickly to salvage something out of this game.

A loss meant relegation and within a few minutes after the interval, they equalised and took the lead with goals from Craig Wannan and Valco Popovich.

But Bathurst never gave up and after scoring the equaliser they nearly got the winner a few minutes from the end when they hit the underbar with a shot and the ball went straight into Tony Riding's hands.

Uni of NSW: Ridings, Graham, T. Popovich, Erhardt, Hughes, Austin, Kay, Kelly, V. Popovich (Russell-Jones), Wannan, Antonelli. Coach: A. Field.

Bathurst: Lovell, Tait, Ashford, G. Hadley, Woodruff, Waine, Davis, Lamberton, Fish, Pickup, P. Hadley. Coach: S. Cousins.

PENRITH v BELMORE 1-0

A controversial penalty in the second half gave Penrith a win and forced Belmore into a playoff to avoid relegation.

Both teams played a tight game and there was no score at halftime.

Then Peter Lewis was fouled and the referee had no hesitation in giving a spotkick.

Penrith: Gibson, Pratt, K. Thoms, G. Thoms, Rasmussen, Smith, Gordon, Hobart, Dunn, Lewis, Timms. Coach: S. Ackerley.

Belmore: J. Hawthorne, Palmer, Jones, Martin, Cruger, Kirwin, P. Hawthorne, Vergos, Billinghurst, Smith, Warren. Coach: O. Klaus.

WARRINGAH v FAIRY MEADOW 1-2

Fairy Meadow continued their good form with a narrow win over Warringah.

All three goals were scored in the first half.

Steve Baker scored the first from a pass by Richardson. Peter Killie equalised a few minutes later for Warringah but again from a Richardson throw Baker was on the spot to score after the keeper missed his clearance.

Warringah: Robins, Duncan, Collings, Neale, Ainslie, Sturgess, Morris, Killie (Rostrum), Beverley, Szenczyk, Sandner. Coach: A. Ainslie.
Fairy Meadow: Beck, Southwell, Plec, Tinney, Devenney, Richardson, Chilby, White, Hamilton, Baker, Gardner. Coach: H. Tinney.

GUILDFORD v WOLLONGONG 0-2

A goal in each half by Roberto Giraldi was enough to give Wollongong both points and a spot in the semifinals.

Giraldi scored in the first minute of the game but soon after two Wollongong players had to come off the field injured.

Despite the setback Wollongong continued to dominate the game and Giraldi scored again in the second half to ensure a win.

Wollongong: P. Terziowski, Drain, Petkovski, Talevski, R. Sattin, H. Sattin, M. Terziowski, Simpson (L. Dalkovski), P. Giraldi, Garner, (Peroza), R. Giraldi. Coach: M. Johnson.

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COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



JUBILANT CHAMPS PRAISE COACH

To the roar of 4,000 fans the 11 Croatia players embraced each other last week and the club's officials either jumped in the air or slumped in their seats, exhausted from the tension of the past year.

Croatia had once again taken the State League title, unbeaten in 26 games.

"It was the sole aim of the club this year," said Croatia president Tony Topic.

"Everything we did at the start of the year, everything we did throughout the year, was directed towards winning back 'our' title," he said.

Tony was referring to the massive buying campaign conducted by Croatia throughout the year.

At the start of the season they bought eight new players, then mid-way through the season once again splashed out and signed four more.

Players like Hilton Silva, Peter Hensman, Nelio Borges and Ted Steven were the ones that survived and gained settled first team places.

They joined players from previous years in what ultimately was the most consistent State League team.

"We feel that our coach, Domagoj Kapitanovic, has not had

too much publicity this year," Tony said.

"But he has done a magnificent job, and although he came under attack sometimes, his policies seem to have borne fruit," he said.

Tony said the club was now looking at the final four series.

"We were very single-minded during the season," he said.

"All we thought of was winning the State League title.

"To us that is the ultimate honor in the NSW Federation.

"The top-four series is an added honor if you win it, but it is not the main tournament," he said.

"It is not like going through a whole season unbeaten to prove yourself against every team on a weekly basis.

"But now we are looking towards the top four title as well," he said.

"We feel our players are still in the right frame of mind and are still fighting fit and now should be just as able to take on the other three teams to win the Grand Final."

Tony said the issue in the back of his mind especially was that of the Philips League.

"There are many problems associated with the PSL at present,

but we must still consider it the premier competition in Australia," he said.

"As such we have an obligation to our members to try and get Croatia into the PSL."

Tony said he would be discussing with the club committee how they would word a possible application.

"We must be called Croatia, otherwise we will lose our support.

"The most I can see the committee agreeing to is calling ourselves Sydney Croatia or Croatia Sydney," he said.

"I don't think the club would tolerate a total name change.

"That is how we will approach the PSL," he said.

Tony said he felt he could list a hundred names of people he wanted to thank for their support during the year within the club.

"The organisation of the team, the club and the management was superb," he said.

"It made the task of the players so much easier.

"And we must not forget our magnificent supporters.

"They have backed us financially when we've asked — and even when we haven't — and they have also turned up at games to give possibly the best support in NSW to any soccer team," he said.



Marcos Silva, Croatia.

NORTH'S SAVIOR OUT OF THE BLUE

North Sydney's performances this year have been way below those of last year, when they were rightly feared as a 'giant killer'.

As one club official said last week: "We lost more than we bargained

for when we sold a few players at the start of the season."

Although the loss of Frank Leyden couldn't be claimed as the sole reason for North's demise, his transfer and then the later transfer of Ted Steven meant that for much of the season Norths had no effective midfield general.

"We had some outstanding young players who would have given much more if they had had support.

"Unfortunately, we lost that support when we sold some of our best players and allowed others to walk away from the club without even a struggle to keep them," he said.

Norths have not had a happy season, on and off the field.

They were the centre of a controversy when the club was accused of being broke.

Several players claimed they had been told they couldn't be paid.

They left the club 'with no hard feelings' from the club's point of view, they said.

However, the club denied it was broke.

"We were suffering financially," said coach Fil Bottalico.

"But what club hasn't suffered this year, apart from Croatia and Melita?

"I don't believe that even St. George would have made much money this year.

"Their crowds weren't

"For us to be in the same position again must mean that we've made the same mistake again," said Parramatta president Bob Chisholm.

His frank comment came after Parramatta lost to Croatia last week to finish level with North Sydney.

NSW Federation rules say that relegation can't be decided on goal difference and so a play off this Saturday has been called, at Potts Park, Yagoona.

"Our planning has been astray somewhere," he said.

Bob said the past couple of weeks had been nerve wrecking.

"It's not really the sort of situation you relish," he said.

"Nor is it something you get used to.

"To have to play off for relegation two years running means something is wrong somewhere.

"But where?" he asked.

"We re-organised to a limited degree this year, but we've ended in the same position.

"People say to us that the re-organisation wasn't thorough enough.

"But re-organisation has to be tempered by your resources," he said.

Bob said he found that any money the club had from last year was poured back into retaining last year's players.

"It doesn't give you the scope to develop your squad," he said.

"It has become a cliché I know, but really the only way for a club to survive is to produce its own players," Bob said.

"But with the various age groups also being hit with organisational problems, it makes life very hard for the clubs at the top of the heap...unless you can buy," he said.

Bob said Parramatta wasn't daunted by the task facing them this week.

"After all, as one of our players cracked last week, we seem to have been in this situation before!

"Some of our players are experienced campaigners and they will have the edge over what is really a very young North Sydney team.

"Admittedly Norths will probably be running hard, but they will also be very nervous," he said.

"We are confident we can win the final battle and stay in the State League.

"Next year we will rebuild again, and hopefully I won't get so many grey hairs towards the end of the season," he said.

BANKSTOWN:

MIGHTY RELIEF

"It took until six weeks ago for the team to start believing in itself," said Bankstown secretary Jim Giffin.

"As a result we won four of our last six games, and the ones we lost were against the first and second placed teams," he said.

Jim said he was relieved that the fight, which had seemed almost hopeless several weeks ago, had been won.

"I don't think anyone in the club ever really gave up hope.

"Things looked black at one stage, but the tremendous club spirit managed to pull us through," he said.

Jim said part of the credit for the side's survival had to go to the coach, Bob Fergusson.

"He didn't panic, but just kept on trying to convince the players that they could pull the team out of trouble," he said.

"There weren't any



Bankstown's Greg Lynch

special team talks, or talks from the president, or anything like that.

"He didn't want to weigh the players down with 'responsibilities'.

"Rather, Bob wanted them to go out and enjoy their soccer.

"In doing that, they entertained the supporters and repaid the loyalty of the fans.

"Hopefully the bulk of the present squad will stay with us and we will be able to go on from our good ending to an even better start for 1982," Jim said.



Archie Blue at his peak, in 1968, with APIA. The former Kilmarnock star will try to help North Sydney out of the mire on Saturday.

THIS WEEK:

DIVISION 2

Marrickville v Lane Cove Utd., Sat., Mackay Park; Baulkham Hills v Queens Park, Sat., Ted Horwood; Campbelltown City v M.Druitt, Sat., Lynwood Park; Riverstone Schofields v Liverpool Alb., Sat., Schofields Park; Gladesville v Dee Why, Sat., Pioneer Park; North Ryde v Bonnyrigg, Sat., North Ryde Oval.

DIVISION 3

Fairfield Kiev v Kingsford, Sun., Knight Park No.4; Sydney Uni. v Artarmon, Sun., University Oval 1; Eastern Creek v Port Hacking, Sat., Cawarra Park; Hurstville Zagreb v Wentworth v Liverpool Alb., Sat., West Ryde Rovers v Padstow Park, Sun., L.H.Waud Stg.; Bondi Marine v Paddington, Sat., Waverley Oval.

DIVISION 4

Winston Hills v Eastwood, Sun., Max Ruddock Res., West St. George v Chelsea, Sun., Peakhurst; West Holroyd v Fairfield West, Sun., West Guildford.

Concordia v Canley Heights, Sat., Marrickville Oval; Maroubra Utd. v Revesby Rovers, Sat., Coral Sea Park; Ryde District v North Rocks, Sun., E.L.S. Hall Park.

DIVISION 5

Green Valley v Macquarie Uni., Sun., Blamfield; Moorebank v Haberfield, Sat., Hammondville Park; Auburn Juniors v Camden, Sun., Progress Park; Glenquarie Utd. v Edensor Park, Sun., Bentsley Road; Pagewood v Chullora, Sat., Jellicoe Park; Hawkesbury Dist. v Sydney Maccabi, Sun., North Richmond.

DIVISION 6

Bankstown Sports v Trasandinos Sports, Sun., Buchanan Oval; Liverpool Utd. v Blacktown Wanderers, Sun., Childs Park; Colo Colo v Hajduk, Sunday, Knight Park; South Sydney v Robins, Sun., Booralee Park; Blacktown Work. v Liverpool City, Sun., Laybutt Reserve; Parramatta v Liverpool Rang., Sun., Eric Primrose Reserve.



WORLD CUP SWINGS INTO ACTION AGAIN

The last stages of the World Cup elimination matches in Europe will begin with a rush on September 2.

On that day two matches will be played, followed by a further six the following week.

This is now the position in the various European groups with the matches remaining:

Group 1:

Austria	5	—	1	15	3	10
W.Germ.	4	—	—	11	1	8
Bulgaria	3	—	2	9	6	6
Albania	1	—	4	3	10	2
Finland	—	—	6	1	19	—

Games to come:

Finland v Albania (Sep.2), West Germany v Finland (Sep.23), Austria v West Germany and Albania v Bulgaria (Oct.14), Bulgaria v Austria (Nov.11), West Germany v Albania (Nov.18), West Germany v Bulgaria (Nov.21).

West Germany are certain to qualify and Austria are likely to grab the second qualifying spot though the Bulgarians also have an outside chance.

Group 2:

Belgium	4	1	1	10	6	9
Ireland	3	1	2	12	7	7
France	3	—	1	12	3	6
Holland	3	—	2	6	3	6
Cyprus	—	—	7	4	25	—

Games to come: Holland v Ireland and Belgium v France (Sep.9), Holland v Belgium and Ireland v France (Oct.14), France v Holland (Nov.18), France v Cyprus (Dec.5).

All except Cyprus still have a chance for the two qualifying places. France have lost the least points (against Holland) and the issue could be decided by teams capable of gaining points away from home. Our hunch is it will be Belgium and Ireland.

Group 3:

Wales	4	1	—	10	—	9
Czechosl.	3	—	1	11	2	6
USSR	2	1	—	7	1	5
Iceland	1	—	4	5	18	2
Turkey	—	—	5	1	13	—

Games to come:

Iceland v Turkey (Sep.2), Czechosl. v Wales (Sep.9), USSR v Turkey and Iceland v Czechosl. (Sep.23), Turkey v USSR (Oct.7), Wales v Iceland (Oct.14), USSR v Czechosl. (Oct.28), USSR v Wales (Nov.18), Czechosl. v USSR (Nov.30).

Wales are nicely placed but have two tough away matches to come and they need at least a draw in Moscow or Prague. Our tip is the USSR and Wales.

Group 4:

England	3	1	2	11	6	7
Romania	2	2	1	4	3	6
Hungary	2	1	1	6	6	5
Switzerl.	1	2	2	7	8	4
Norway	1	2	3	5	10	4

Games to come: Norway v England (Sep.9), Rumania v Hungary (Sep.23), Rumania v Switzerl. (Oct.10), Hungary v Switzerl. (Oct.14), Hungary v Norway (Oct.31), Switzerl. v Rumania (Nov.11), England v Hungary (Nov.18).

It's hard to give the Norwegians and Swiss more than a token chance. England are in the box seat and if they win in Oslo, they are certain to qualify. The second spot will be decided in Bucharest between Rumania and Hungary, probably in Rumania's favor.

Group 5:

Italy	4	—	1	9	3	8
Yugosl.	3	—	1	12	4	6
Denmark	3	—	3	10	7	6
Greece	3	—	2	6	7	6
Luxemb.	—	—	6	1	17	—

Games to come: Denmark v Yugoslavia (Sep.9), Greece v Denmark



Northern Ireland star Martin O'Neill.

CRUYFF SENDS CLUB BROKE

Johan Cruyff's passage through Spanish Second Division side Levante is still raising clouds of dust, long after the Dutch ace packed his bags and headed back to the Washington Diplomats.

Details of his contract with Levante have now been released and the figures have scandalised the local fans — especially as Levante were serious promotion candidates before Johan arrived, but abruptly dropped back to a disappointing ninth place with Cruyff in the line-up.

The controversial contract guaranteed the Dutchman a minimum of \$250,000 for 12 week's work — and to make sure he got the cash quickly, all gate receipts went directly to Cruyff until the total was reached, except for \$20,000 per match to

cover the club's staff costs.

What's more, the contract included a strange clause guaranteeing Cruyff 50 percent of all income from Levante's sports complex, both now and in the future!

The club also had to provide him with suitable accommodation free of charge, and pay all his taxes.

Not surprisingly, Levante are now bankrupt, and while Cruyff was pocketing all the gate receipts, the rest of the squad weren't paid a peseta.

The directors have resigned leaving the club in serious danger of extinction, and many of the players right down on the breadline after four months without pay.

As one local journalist remarked, "they might just as well have given Cruyff the whole club."

(Oct.14), Yugoslavia v Italy (Oct.17), Italy v Greece (Nov.14), Yugoslavia v Luxemb. (Nov.21), Greece v Yugoslavia (Nov.29), Italy v Luxemb. (Dec.12).

Italy, with two home matches, must be favored to win the group, probably from Yugoslavia unless they get derailed somewhere, notably in Athens.

Group 6:

Scotland	3	2	—	6	2	8
N.Ireland	2	2	2	5	3	6
Sweden	2	2	2	5	5	6
Portugal	2	1	2	4	4	5
Israel	—	3	3	2	8	3

Games to come:

Scotland v Sweden (Sep.9), Portugal v Sweden and N.Ireland v Scotland (Oct.14), Israel v Portugal (Oct.28), N.Ireland v Israel and Portugal v Scotland (Oct.18).

All except Israel still have a chance. Northern Ireland has the best draw and we expect them to go through, probably in the company of Portugal.

Group 7:

Poland	2	—	—	3	—	4
E.Germ.	1	—	1	2	2	2
Malta	—	—	2	1	4	—

Games to come: East Germany v Poland (Oct.10), East Germany v Malta (Nov.11), Poland v Malta (Nov.15).

Poland need a draw in East Germany to make sure of winning the only qualifying position from this small group. If they lose there, goal difference is certain to decide — and here the Poles are better placed as they will play Malta in the last match. Our tip is Poland.



Belgian ace Van Moers.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

• AS Roma's international fullback Francesco Rocca, 28, has announced his retirement because of a recurring knee injury.

• The Brazilian Orlando Pereira, of the Vasco club, has signed for Italy's Udinese.

• In a World Cup match, Uruguay beat Colombia 3-2.

• In memory of their former all-time great Jozsef Bozsik who died in 1978, the Hungarian Association has founded a Cup tournament.

• If you have money... Kuwait is preparing for the final round in the Asia-Oceania group in a training camp in Portugal.

• Dutch ace Rene Van der Kerkhof is likely to sign for Wolverhampton for about \$300,000.

• It's final now: Alfredo Di Stefano is the new coach of River Plate in Buenos Aires while former coach Labruna has become the club's general manager.

• After two unsuccessful seasons, the Belgian Roger Van Gool has returned home and signed for Antwerpen.

• Swiss Rail will run "Bundesliga Specials" to various West German cities for weekend championship games.

• Gerd Muller, former West German goal-scoring ace, is likely to return home from the USA (Ford Lauderdale in Florida) and join a small Bavarian club.

• Poland has beaten the West German Darmstadt 3-1 in a friendly international with goals by Iwan (2) and Smolarek.

• Paolo Rossi's two-year suspension has been reduced by a month so the young star can play on April 29 and have a chance to get into Italy's World Cup team.

• A promising young American player, Greg Campbell, has donated one of his kidneys to his critically ill sister — and cannot play soccer again.

• According to a vote taken by all Italian professional players, the star of the year was Juventus' Scirea.

• More problems with the young German star Bern Schuster. "I will not play for West Germany as long as Breitner and Rummenigge are in the team," he said. "I'm young, I wait till they quit."

• Lazio's former Italian international Bruno Giordano is suspended until September 1983 because of his involvement in the Pools scandal, but some top clubs are already lining up to sign him.

• A man who knows his mind — that's Glenn Hoddle of Tottenham. "I'll stay two more years with the Spurs, then three years on the Continent before returning to Tottenham once again."

• Argentina won its first European tour match, beating Atletico Madrid 1-0.

• Brazilian ace Dirceu has been placed on the transfer list by Atletico Madrid. In recent weeks he has clashed several times with his coach and club president.

• Angelo Moratti, former president of Inter Milan, died at 72 of lung embolism.

• Czechoslovakia beat a European XI 4-0 in Prague to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Czech FA.

• Hungary won an international tournament in Lisbon, first beating Benfica 3-0 then drawing with Sporting 1-1.

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